

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** the more than 68 locally owned and operated banks across the Palmetto State continue the tradition of giving back to their communities through nearly 250 banking offices with more than \$10 billion in assets and over 7,000 employees; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina Community Banks contribute significantly to the economic well-being of our state and nation through their financial support, their dedication as good neighbors, and their service as financially sound and reliable sources of economic vitality in our communities; and

**WHEREAS,** independent banks in South Carolina reinvest in their communities through home mortgages and small business, agricultural, and student loans; and

**WHEREAS,** our community banks play an integral role in local economic development efforts, promoting job creation through the financing of new businesses and, as a group, contributing to a healthy business environment across the state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2005 as

### COMMUNITY BANKING MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize community banks for their positive contributions to the economic stability of the Palmetto State.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**