## State of South Caroling Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, pain is a serious health problem that affects millions of Americans chronically and touches everyone at some time or another in their lives; and

WHEREAS, pain takes an economic toll on our country, costing billions of dollars each year in medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, improved pain management education and an effective multidisciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 2007 as

## PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about pain and help provide an improved quality of life for those who suffer with it.

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