

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** established to increase school readiness, Head Start and Early Head Start are comprehensive child development programs that serve young children to the age of five from low-income families; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Start programs provide a wide range of services in the areas of early childhood development, education, medical, dental, mental health, nutrition, and parent involvement in order to address individual needs; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Start has developed its services to be appropriate and responsive to the developmental, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic heritage and experience of each child and family; and

**WHEREAS,** in the Palmetto State, more than 12,000 children are receiving services from Regular, Early, Migrant, and Native American Head Start programs; and

**WHEREAS,** Head Start has a 42 year history of delivering quality services that contribute to the healthy development of vulnerable children across our state and nation.

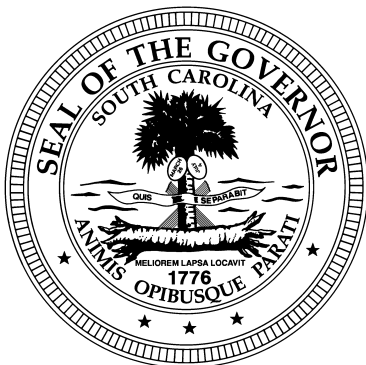
**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2007 as

### HEAD START AWARENESS MONTH

and October 25, 2007, as

### HEAD START AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive contributions of this quality program that provides young children with a real head start in life.



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

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