

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, approximately every 15 minutes, a violent crime is committed in South Carolina, with victims and survivors often facing financial loss in addition to physical injury and emotional trauma; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Victim Assistance Network and the State Office of Victim Assistance are dedicated to working together to educate our citizens about crime and victimization and to encourage support for improving victims' rights and services; and

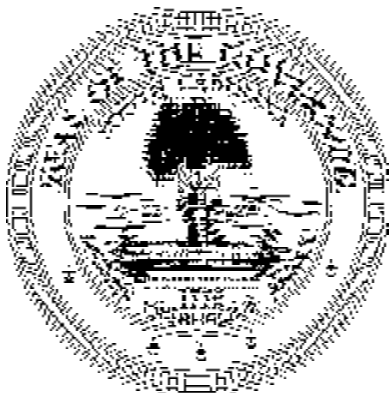
WHEREAS, with workshops designed to help victim advocates engage in effective outreach, communication and advocacy, the 16th Annual South Carolina Victims' Rights Week Conference will help ensure that South Carolina's crime victims receive top quality services at all levels of our criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, working together, we can make our communities safer by sending a message to criminals that their misdeeds will not go unpunished.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 24 - 28, 2003, as

16TH ANNUAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK OBSERVANCE

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to provide comfort and assistance to the victims of crime, to keep our communities safe, and to promote justice.



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MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA