

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, while approximately 75 percent of all burn injuries are preventable, severe burn injuries remain a leading cause of death and injury in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than 2 million people suffer burn injuries of some kind, with children accounting for one of every three burn victims; and

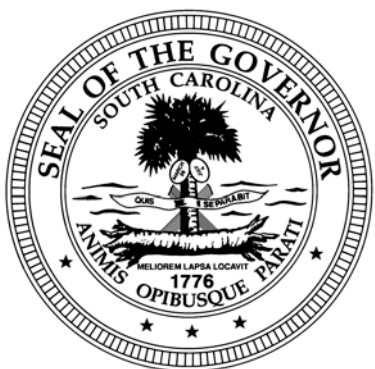
WHEREAS, the Shrine of North America operates Shriners Hospitals for Children across the nation that provide medical care free of charge to severely burned children; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 observance of Burn Awareness Week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of steps people can take to protect their families from devastating burn injuries, while recognizing the Shriners for their continued support and care for young burn victims.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 1 - 7, 2004, as

BURN AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about how to prevent serious burn injuries.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA