

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) grew from local organizations founded in 1899 to help obtain health care and pensions for those who fought in the Spanish–American War and the Philippine Insurrection; and

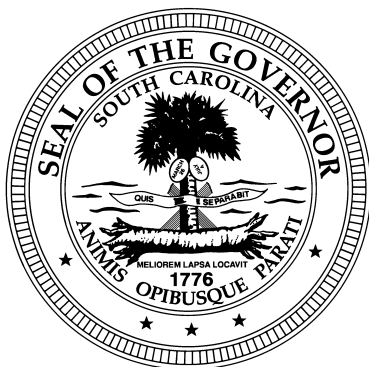
WHEREAS, the VFW continues in its efforts to secure adequate benefits for the courageous men and women who defend our nation's freedoms while promoting patriotism and community service; and

WHEREAS, this year, the VFW is celebrating 105 years of tradition, advocacy, and service by sponsoring special programs and events across our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 29, 2004 as

VFW DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States and its Ladies Auxiliary for their dedicated service and commitment to patriotism.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA