

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, at two o'clock in the afternoon of July 4, 1776, the tolling of the Liberty Bell at Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, announced the signing of the Declaration of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of this historic document by the thirteen original colonies marked the birth of the United States of America as a free and independent nation; and

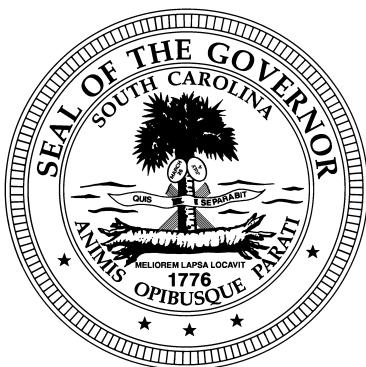
WHEREAS, South Carolina was represented at this celebrated occasion by Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward, Jr., Thomas Lynch, Jr., and Arthur Middleton; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress resolved in 1963 that the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence should be observed each year by the ringing of bells at 2:00 p.m. Eastern daylight time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 4, 2006, as

INDEPENDENCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to "Let Freedom Ring" across the Palmetto State in observance of the anniversary of this great event.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA