

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, children deserve to be safe and free from harm in their homes, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment, including neglect and physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, is harm caused to a child by a parent, caretaker, or other person responsible for that child's safety; and

WHEREAS, tragically, children throughout South Carolina and the nation continue to fall victim to abuse and neglect; and

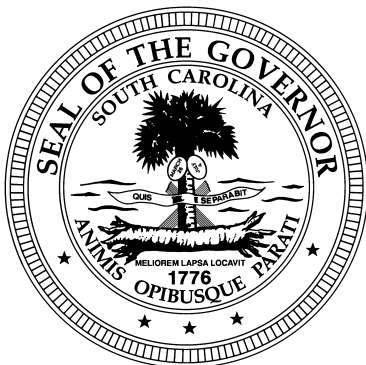
WHEREAS, partnerships among social service agencies, schools, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and businesses are an important part of effective child abuse prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, the annual observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month is designed to educate people about the devastating effects of child abuse while empowering and encouraging them to get involved.

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

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to prevent the abuse and neglect of our children.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA