

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, the crime of domestic violence violates an individual's privacy, dignity, security, and humanity through the systematic use of physical, emotional, sexual, psychological and economic control and/or abuse; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina ranked 9th in the nation for the number of women killed by men and, last year alone, more than 67,000 women and children in the Palmetto State received services, including education, court advocacy, counseling and shelter, from domestic violence centers; and

WHEREAS, the effects of domestic violence on children are devastating and can cause lifelong problems due to emotional and/or physical trauma; and

WHEREAS, Domestic Violence Awareness Month calls attention to the importance of working together to assure a life free from harm for all South Carolinians.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join together in recommitting ourselves to eliminating domestic violence, reaching out to its victims, and letting them know that help is available.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford", written in a cursive style.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA