WHEREAS, the right of American citizens to vote is ensured by the United States Constitution, and registering empowers us to vote on Election Day, upholding the basis of democracy with one voice, one vote; and

WHEREAS, while over 2 million South Carolinians are currently registered to vote, an additional 830,000 people are eligible but have not yet registered; and

WHEREAS, the voter registration process is easy and convenient, with applications available at county voter registration offices, the Department of Motor Vehicles and other state agencies, online and at various locations across the Palmetto State during voter registration drives; and

WHEREAS, November 2, 2004, is Election Day across South Carolina and the nation, with people casting their votes for President, members of Congress, state and local officials, amendments to our state's Constitution and local issues.

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

VOTER REGISTRATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all eligible South Carolinians to register and exercise their right to vote.

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA