

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, public health programs and services are essential to a strong, successful health care system that benefits all of our residents regardless of age, race, gender, ethnicity, and socioeconomic strata; and

WHEREAS, public health programs and services throughout South Carolina promote and encourage healthy behaviors, assure the quality and accessibility of health care, respond to disasters, and assist communities in recovery; and

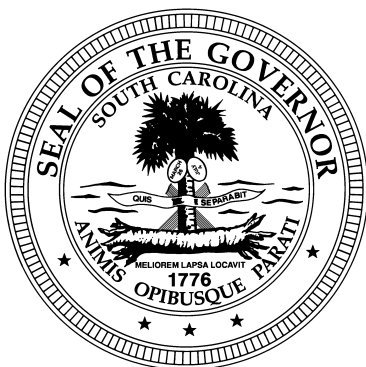
WHEREAS, people who are physically active, maintain a healthy weight, eat a nutritious diet, avoid tobacco products, and practice other healthy behaviors help reduce the incidence and mortality of many chronic diseases that impact individuals and families in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance," this year's observance emphasizes the ways in which climate change factors, including extreme weather events and variations in rainfall, impact the risk of injury, disease, and death.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2008 as

PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to get regular preventive health checks and incorporate healthy practices, including plans to reduce the impact of severe weather conditions, into their daily routine.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA