

# 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

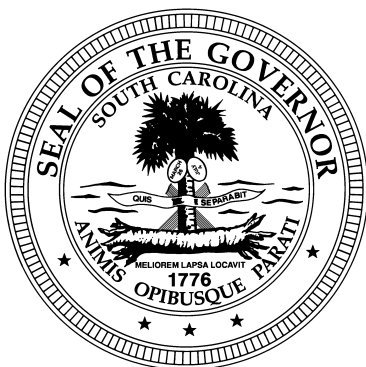
**WHEREAS,** unintentional fatal injuries affecting children under the age of 5 and seniors over the age of 70 have a significant impact on the cost of health care and often occur in the home; and

**WHEREAS,** with the theme, "Building the Foundation for a Healthy America," this year's observance emphasizes the importance of a healthy and safe home environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 2009 as

### PUBLIC HEALTH MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to consider strategies to make home environments safe and environmentally friendly to help improve their health and quality of life.



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

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**