

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, an educated, informed, and participatory electorate forms the cornerstone of a representative democracy and serves as a vital source of governmental accountability; and

WHEREAS, because voting is an exercise of citizens' rights and responsibilities that makes our country work, all eligible citizens of the Palmetto State should be encouraged to register to vote and every opportunity should be taken to enable them to do so; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2.6 million South Carolinians are currently registered to vote, while an additional 800,000 residents are eligible but have not registered; and

WHEREAS, more than 18,000 poll workers and other election officials throughout South Carolina are making preparations to ensure a smooth Election Day process on November 2, 2010, when citizens cast their votes for Constitutional Officers, members of Congress, state and local officials, amendments to our State Constitution and local issues; and

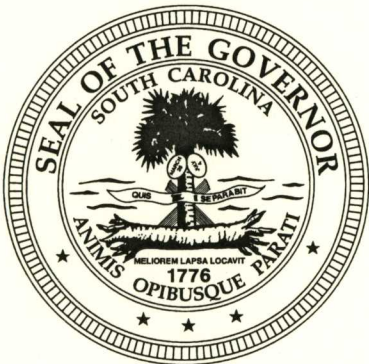
WHEREAS, October 2, 2010, is the last day to register and be eligible to vote in the 2010 General Election; and

WHEREAS, in South Carolina: Every Vote Matters. Every Vote Counts.

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

VOTER EDUCATION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all eligible South Carolinians to register to vote, to educate themselves regarding the candidates and questions, and to exercise their most basic democratic right by participating in all elections.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA