

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, appropriate early learning standards are vital to quality education opportunities for the children of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive community-based school readiness programs that work are essential to the future academic success of our youngest learners; and

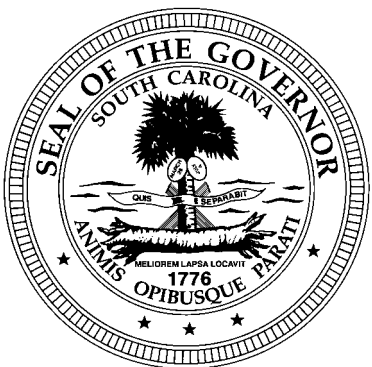
WHEREAS, a broad coalition of school readiness partners, including business, faith, education, health, and nonprofit communities throughout the Palmetto State, is committed to strengthening quality public and private early education and child care choices for parents; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation of all school readiness partners, public and private, promotes more efficient use of scarce resources while supporting the accountability of an effective early learning system in our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 25, 2004, as

### EARLY EDUCATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the importance of quality education opportunities for our youngest learners to their future success.



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

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