

WHEREAS, individual and organized forms of recreation and the use of leisure time are vital to the lives of all Americans, especially persons with physical, mental, emotional, and/or social limitations; and

WHEREAS, therapeutic recreation helps eliminate barriers to leisure, develop leisure skills and attitudes, and optimize leisure involvement through treatment, education, and recreation services; and

WHEREAS, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, adult day care centers, residential facilities, nursing homes, and community recreation agencies provide therapeutic recreation services for millions of individuals throughout South Carolina and the nation who have disabilities or other limitations; and

WHEREAS, National Therapeutic Recreation Week focuses on the value of recreation and leisure experiences for all people as a means to improving our well-being and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 12 - 18, 2009, as

THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive health benefits of leisure and recreation.