

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, dogs and cats provide companionship for people in over 1.4 million households in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, two unaltered dogs and all their descendants can number 67,000 in six years and two unaltered cats and their descendants can number 370,092 in seven years; and

WHEREAS, the problem of pet overpopulation costs taxpayers in our country over 600 million dollars annually through animal control programs aimed at coping with over 6 million unwanted dogs and cats; and

WHEREAS, spaying and neutering has been shown to drastically reduce dog and cat overpopulation; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 observance of Spay Day raises awareness of the importance of spaying and neutering companion animals and helps make the procedure more accessible by teaming with shelters and veterinarians to provide high quality, low cost surgeries.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2010, as

### SPAY DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce pet overpopulation in the Palmetto State.



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

MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA