

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, significant health disparities exist among African American and other minority groups for preventable health conditions and diseases including HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, African Americans account for approximately thirty percent of the state's population, yet account for an estimated seventy-three percent of recently diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, approximately seven out of every ten men and eight out of every ten women recently diagnosed with HIV/AIDS are African American, as are eighty percent of the newly diagnosed fifteen- to twenty-four-year-olds; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 observance of Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day draws attention to the impact of HIV/AIDS on African American communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 7, 2010, as

BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work to raise awareness on the need to get educated about HIV/AIDS, get tested, get involved, and get treated.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA