

**WHEREAS,** cancer is the second leading cause of death in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** raising awareness through education, prevention, screening, and early detection efforts helps strengthen our efforts in the fight against cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** residents of the Palmetto State who are affected by cancer not only need the compassion and respect of others but also the tools and resources that can help as they face the physical, mental, and practical challenges of a cancer diagnosis; and

**WHEREAS,** LIVESTRONG Day exemplifies the spirit of all people affected by cancer, including survivors, caregivers, friends, family, physicians, nurses, social workers, and researchers throughout South Carolina.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2, 2009, as

## **LIVESTRONG DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to increase awareness of all cancers and to promote continued research into the causes and cure of cancer.