

WHEREAS, a paralegal is a qualified person employed or retained by an attorney, government agency, or other entity to assist in the delivery of legal services; and

WHEREAS, paralegals significantly lower counsel fees, improve the management of cases, and provide greater cost containment for clients; and

WHEREAS, through continuing education, a high level of achievement and responsibility, and strict adherence to a code of ethics, paralegals in South Carolina uphold the highest standards of professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 observance of Paralegal Day provides an opportunity to recognize paralegals throughout the Palmetto State for their efforts to help our legal system perform more efficiently and effectively for the benefit of all our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2009, as

PARALEGAL DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor paralegals for their many contributions to the availability and accessibility of quality legal services.