

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution secures the blessings of liberty and justice for all Americans and establishes an effective government structure that endures after more than 200 years; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2009, marks the 222nd anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, learning about the principles of the Constitution allows us to reflect on the rights and privileges of citizenship.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17, 2009, as

CONSTITUTION DAY

and September 17 - 23, 2009, as

CONSTITUTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to renew and deepen their appreciation for the unique and precious heritage passed on to us by our Founding Fathers through the United States Constitution.