

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Youth Leadership Program provides character education in areas of civic responsibility, life skills, career exploration, graphic/fine arts, public speaking, computer literacy and academics for higher learning; and

WHEREAS, the small group setting of the program is more effective with the at-risk students it is designed to serve and often works better than traditional style education; and

WHEREAS, the program, sponsored by the South Carolina Association of Community Action Partnerships, is held in various locations throughout the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, this year's observance of Youth Leadership Awareness Day celebrates the completion of the 2009 Youth Leadership Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim August 6, 2009, as

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the hard work and dedication put forth by the participants of the South Carolina Youth Leadership Program.