

WHEREAS, working women constitute over 60 million of the nation's work force, serving their communities, their states and their nation in professional, civic and cultural capacities; and

WHEREAS, women-owned businesses account for approximately 30 percent of all businesses in the United States, generating over a trillion dollars in sales each year and employing more than 9 million workers; and

WHEREAS, business and professional women throughout South Carolina and the country are dedicated to promoting equality for all women and to helping create better conditions for business women through the study of social, educational, economic and political problems; and

WHEREAS, National Business Women's Week provides an exceptional opportunity to spotlight the achievements and contributions made by working women across our state and nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 12 - 16, 2009, as

SOUTH CAROLINA BUSINESS WOMEN'S WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the many contributions made by business and professional women to our continued economic prosperity.