

WHEREAS, whether committed by sophisticated criminals, consumers, or by insurance company employees and owners, insurance fraud is an increasingly expensive burden on our nation's economy; and

WHEREAS, the cost of insurance fraud diverts vital resources away from businesses, law enforcement, the civil justice system, regulatory agencies and local emergency services; and

WHEREAS, insurance fraud costs each household in the Palmetto State through higher insurance premiums, costs of goods and services, and taxes; and

WHEREAS, working together to raise public awareness and understanding of insurance fraud can help prevent this illegal activity while promoting quality insurance services for our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 9 - 13, 2009, as

INSURANCE FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to combat insurance fraud in the Palmetto State.