

WHEREAS, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women, taking the lives of more Americans than breast, prostate, liver, kidney and colon cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, individuals who have quit smoking and people who have never smoked comprise more than half of the new cases of lung cancer each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, 3,680 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed in South Carolinians this year, and approximately 2,880 people will succumb to the disease; and

WHEREAS, increased availability and use of the early diagnosis and management protocols for lung cancer have the potential to improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

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

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of lung cancer issues and offer compassion to all those it affects.