

**WHEREAS,** space exploration is a quest for knowledge about what lies outside the confines of the Earth's atmosphere and about the Earth itself; and

**WHEREAS,** knowledge gained through the exploration of space adds greatly to the accumulated wisdom of mankind; and

**WHEREAS,** people around the world were brought closer together during the first manned exploration of the moon on July 20, 1969; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2009 Space Observance and Space Exploration Day serve to inspire future generations to continue the vision of our space pioneers while celebrating the achievements, benefits and opportunities of the exploration and use of space frontiers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 16 - 24, 2009, as

## **SOUTH CAROLINA SPACE OBSERVANCE DAYS**

and July 20, 2009, as

## **SPACE EXPLORATION DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of the peaceful exploration of space on scientific and technological advancement.