

**WHEREAS,** the numerous archaeological and historical sites that have been discovered and recorded across the Palmetto State are a testament to our rich and diverse cultural development throughout prehistory and history; and

**WHEREAS,** archaeological sites are unique and irreplaceable remains that represent at least 14,000 years of occupancy in South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, Office of the State Archaeologist, the Archaeological Society of South Carolina, government agencies and other organizations, professional and avocational archaeologists, and private citizens have joined together to stimulate a sense of pride in protecting our state's archaeological sites; and

**WHEREAS,** protecting and preserving these sites and artifacts will help ensure that our residents can take advantage of the economic, educational, and scientific benefits and insights they provide for generations to come.

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

## **SOUTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to ensure the preservation of our rich and diverse cultural heritage.