

WHEREAS, advancements in technology are helping improve data quality and efficiency in consumer healthcare, and

WHEREAS, the ability to collect and manage health records is essential to providing timely and accurate data to care providers; and

WHEREAS, health information management and health information technology professionals work diligently to help ensure patient health information is complete, correct and kept confidential; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Precision in Practice, Excellence in Care," the 2009 observance of Health Information and Technology Week raises awareness of the valuable role health information management and health information technology professionals play within our healthcare system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 1 - 7, 2009, as

HEALTH INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize these dedicated professionals for their commitment to providing quality care and treatment to the residents of the Palmetto State.