

WHEREAS, with motor vehicles serving as the primary mode of transportation in the United States, traffic fatalities, estimated at more than 37,000 in 2008 and including 820 in South Carolina, are a serious and ongoing concern; and

WHEREAS, highway deaths are often caused by unsafe driver behaviors including speeding and driving aggressively while distracted or impaired; and

WHEREAS, practicing safe habits when using the roadways, such as properly using child restraint seats and seatbelts, turning off distracting devices, taking regular breaks, and following the rules of the road, significantly reduce traffic-related injuries and death; and

WHEREAS, Road Safe America was founded in 2003 to raise awareness of the need for trucks and passenger vehicles to drive more safely in order to save lives on American roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, the Sunday after Thanksgiving is the busiest highway travel day of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim Sunday, November 29, 2009, as

DRIVE SAFER SUNDAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to educate themselves on the importance of driving more safely and to work together to ensure the safety of all highway users this holiday season and every time they get behind the wheel.