

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** individual and organized forms of recreation and the use of leisure time are vital to the lives of all Americans, especially persons with physical, mental, emotional, and/or social limitations; and

**WHEREAS,** therapeutic recreation helps eliminate barriers to leisure, develop leisure skills and attitudes, and optimize leisure involvement through treatment, education, and recreation services; and

**WHEREAS,** hospitals, rehabilitation centers, adult day care centers, residential facilities, nursing homes, and community recreation agencies provide therapeutic recreation services for millions of individuals throughout South Carolina and the nation who have disabilities or other limitations; and

**WHEREAS,** National Therapeutic Recreation Week focuses on the value of recreation and leisure experiences for all people as a means to improving our well-being and quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 12 - 18, 2009, as**

### **THERAPEUTIC RECREATION WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive health benefits of leisure and recreation.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**