

WHEREAS, the Judiciary Act, signed into law by President George Washington on September 24, 1789, directed the appointment of United States Marshals and launched the United States Marshals Service; and

WHEREAS, the United States Marshals Service is our nation's oldest law enforcement agency and, for the past 220 years, United States Marshals have played a vital role in upholding the rule of law and defending the rights of individual Americans; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of the United States Marshals Service risk their lives each day to ensure the safety of communities and families across our country; and

WHEREAS, United States Marshals have served our nation and the Palmetto State with dedication to justice, integrity and service.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 24, 2009, as

UNITED STATES MARSHALS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important public service performed by the United States Marshals.