

WHEREAS, pain is a serious health problem that affects millions of Americans chronically and touches everyone at some time or another in their lives; and

WHEREAS, pain takes an economic toll on our country, costing billions of dollars each year in medical expenses, lost wages, reduced productivity, and other costs; and

WHEREAS, improved pain management education and an effective multidisciplinary treatment approach can help reduce suffering and remove barriers to pain-free living.

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

PAIN AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about pain and help provide an improved quality of life for those who suffer with it.