

**WHEREAS,** people are bombarded with negative images, stories and influences in their day - to - day lives that can lead to a feeling of sadness or hopelessness; and

**WHEREAS,** this discouragement can affect all aspects of a person's life, from their job or schoolwork, to their personal relationships and decision making; and

**WHEREAS,** even the smallest gesture, such as a smile or kind word, has the ability to communicate love and compassion that can brighten a person's day.

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

## **DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT**

throughout the state and urge all South Carolinians to use their thoughts, words and deeds to offer encouragement and boost the morale of others.