

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Peach Festival, sponsored in part by the City of Gaffney and the Town of Blacksburg, promotes the peach industry of Cherokee County, the Upstate, and the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Peach Festival now includes a Kansas City Barbecue Society sanctioned barbecue competition and cook-off; and

WHEREAS, as part of a fun-filled week with live music, great food, vendors, and rides and games for the kids, this barbeque competition is dedicated to the preservation and promotion of barbeque as a culinary art and a sport; and

WHEREAS, with cooking teams participating in professional and amateur competitions, the winner of the professional division will qualify for the national invitational championship event; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Peach Festival celebrates the peach industry and the unique barbecue traditions of South Carolina while bringing positive national recognition to the Palmetto State.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 17 - 18, 2009, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize and celebrate the rich diversity of this festive event.