

WHEREAS, each year, according to National Safety Council estimates, nearly 110,000 Americans, including approximately two thousand from South Carolina, die from unintentional injuries and 20 million suffer disabling injuries; and

WHEREAS, the leading causes of injury and loss of life, including traffic crashes, falls, poisoning, choking, drowning, fire, and suffocation, are especially tragic because they are preventable; and

WHEREAS, traditionally, unintentional injuries and fatalities increase during the summer season making it an appropriate time to raise awareness of reducing the risk of serious injury and death; and

WHEREAS, by focusing on teen driving, falls prevention, overexertion, and distracted driving, the 2009 observance of National Safety Month calls special attention to four of the primary causes of unintentional death and injuries in South Carolina and the nation.

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

SAFETY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about health and safety practices for home, work, and play and to take the necessary steps to reduce the risk of serious injury and death.