

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug addiction is a major public health problem, affecting millions of Americans at a cost of billions of dollars per year; and

WHEREAS, addiction professionals are uniquely qualified, frontline health care professionals vital to the process of guiding patients with addictive disorders to recovery; and

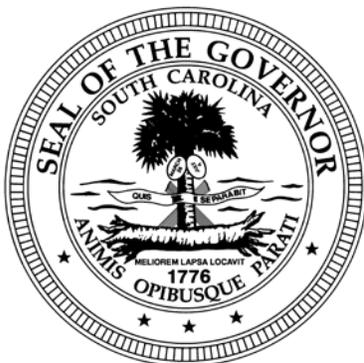
WHEREAS, these dedicated professionals are committed to increasing public knowledge of alcohol and drug dependency and to enhancing the care of individuals, families, and communities through treatment, education, and prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, National Addiction Professionals Day recognizes and honors the work of addiction professionals while raising awareness about the effectiveness of alcohol and drug addiction treatments.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 20, 2009, as

ADDICTION PROFESSIONALS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize addiction professionals in the Palmetto State for their commitment to reducing chemical dependency among our residents.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA