

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, in today's highly interconnected world, telephones provide a lifeline to emergency help and a vital link to government services, community resources, friends and family; and

WHEREAS, a number of households across our state and nation do not have telephones in their homes because they cannot afford the expenses of installation or monthly service; and

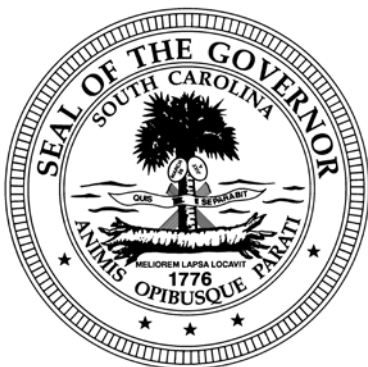
WHEREAS, the Federal Communications Commission and the Office of Regulatory Staff have joined a collaborative effort to make telephone service more affordable for low-income consumers by providing a discount on the connection fee and monthly charges for local telephone service; and

WHEREAS, the Link-Up America and Lifeline Assistance programs benefit eligible consumers by making basic telephone service more affordable through discounts on the installation of telephone service in their homes and on their monthly phone bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 14 - 20, 2009, as

TELEPHONE DISCOUNT LIFELINE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of programs available to help ensure telephone connectivity for residents of our state and nation.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA