

WHEREAS, thousands of South Carolinians from all walks of life, including families with children, employed and unemployed workers, elderly residents, veterans, and disabled individuals, are affected by food insecurity and hunger; and

WHEREAS, on any given night, thousands of individuals in the Palmetto State experience homelessness with causes ranging from addiction and mental health problems to domestic violence and employment issues; and

WHEREAS, while homelessness creates barriers to accessing essential services, such as affordable health care, housing, and education, the costs of these basic necessities often contribute to hunger and food insecurity; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Bringing America Home," Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week 2009 calls attention to the plight of the homeless and the hungry and encourages people to work together to find viable solutions for these problems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 15 - 21, 2009, as

HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to take an active role in reducing hunger and homelessness in the Palmetto State.