

WHEREAS, throughout the history of America, many men and women have bravely served in our military in order to protect our country and preserve the democratic ideals on which it was founded; and

WHEREAS, our deployed service members have courageously answered this nation's call to duty, willingly putting themselves in harm's way to defend our liberties and help bring security to nations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the Day of the Deployed calls attention to the dedication and sacrifices made by the members of our Armed Forces and inspires South Carolinians to renew their patriotism and allegiance to our flag and country.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 26, 2009,

DAY OF THE DEPLOYED

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor our brave men and women in uniform who serve selflessly to preserve our way of life and protect the freedoms we hold dear.