

WHEREAS, throughout its more than four decades of existence, Job Corps has successfully provided the Nation's economically disadvantaged youth with critical residential, academic, and vocational services; and

WHEREAS, youth enrolled in Job Corps receive intensive academic remediation, gain employability, learn life skills, and receive job placement assistance; and

WHEREAS, Job Corps' public-private partnership of American ingenuity has led to local and large employers and labor representatives providing students with practical, hands-on experience through internships and helping during the transition from student to employee; and

WHEREAS, dedicated Job Corps staff invest their time and talents to improve the lives of students and are essential to the Job Corps' ability to fulfill its mission; and

WHEREAS, Job Corps students and staff contribute millions of hours of volunteer service to causes that help to make a positive difference in their communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2009, as

JOB CORPS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the important role of Job Corps in helping to provide the promise of a brighter future for young people across the Palmetto State.