

WHEREAS, because South Carolina is one of the thirteen original colonies, the preservation of our historic sites and records plays an important part in teaching our young people about our country's history and heritage; and

WHEREAS, understanding the beliefs, ideals, and courage of all the people who inhabited our state and nation during Colonial times leads to a deeper appreciation for our rich cultural diversity and provides a strong foundation for enduring patriotism; and

WHEREAS, helping our students develop an interest in historical research can lead to a greater recognition of the struggles and sacrifices made by so many for the freedoms we enjoy today as Americans.

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

COLONIAL HERITAGE MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to strengthen our communities by nurturing the democratic ideals upon which our nation was founded.