

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are an essential part of the criminal justice system, upholding the law with dignity while recognizing the right of the public to be safe-guarded from criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals are responsible for supervising adult and juvenile offenders in the community, providing services and referrals for offenders, and offering services, support, and protection for victims; and

WHEREAS, community corrections professionals work in partnership with community agencies and groups to promote prevention and intervention and to advocate for community and restorative justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim July 19 - 25, 2009, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize community corrections professionals for their many contributions to our criminal justice system.