

WHEREAS, the possibility of recurrence and spread of breast cancer stays with those who have been affected by the disease; and

WHEREAS, metastatic breast disease is breast cancer that has come back and made its way through the bloodstream and spread to other organs of the body, such as the bones, liver, brain or lungs; and

WHEREAS, metastatic breast disease can go in and out of remission or move quickly and frequently involves trying one treatment after another; and

WHEREAS, there are many effective treatments for a local or regional recurrence of breast cancer, but more research still needs to be done into developing new and more effective treatments for metastatic breast cancer; and

WHEREAS, there are many residents of the Palmetto State who continue to live long, productive lives with breast cancer and metastatic breast cancer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13, 2009, as

METASTATIC BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the importance of research into the causes and better treatments for metastatic breast cancer.