

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** earthquakes can pose a threat to the residents of South Carolina and their property and, unlike other natural disasters, occur without warning; and

**WHEREAS,** an earthquake similar in intensity to the one that occurred in 1886 with an epicenter near Charleston would today be catastrophic in nature and would cause great loss of life and destruction of property; and

**WHEREAS,** because earthquakes can occur any time of the year in the Palmetto State, public awareness of the threat of earthquakes and an understanding of how to prepare for such a disaster can help save lives and property.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 1-7, 2009, as

### EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in this effort to increase awareness of earthquake safety, to participate in the South Carolina Emergency Management Division's 2009 Statewide Earthquake Drill the morning of November 4, 2009, and to help further statewide preparedness and education.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**