

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** geography examines the relationships between people and their environment; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina's landscape preserves the natural beauty of our state, offering a multitude of opportunities for commerce, recreation, scientific research, education and solitude; and

**WHEREAS,** geography has played a defining role in the settlement, history and cultural heritage of South Carolina; and

**WHEREAS,** South Carolina has a rich heritage of place names derived from our ancestors, early settlers and immigrants of many ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS,** providing links to our history, it is important to protect and preserve these histories and natural resources for future generations.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 6 - 12, 2009, as

### GEOGRAPHIC NAMES AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the historical significance of the geographic names within our state.



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

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