

**WHEREAS,** Hazy Grove Missionary Baptist Church was established in 1909 to fulfill the spiritual needs of its members; and

**WHEREAS,** throughout its history, Hazy Grove Missionary Baptist Church has experienced much growth in spirituality and numbers marked by its progression from the early days of holding services in a shelter of bushes to the construction of a new house of worship, surrounding the existing building, in 1957 to the remodeling of that structure in the 1980's; and

**WHEREAS,** continuing the journey of faith, fellowship, and family which began a century ago, Hazy Grove Missionary Baptist Church promotes spiritual growth in the surrounding community through community-based ministries and outreach programs including Habitat for Humanity, Adopt-A-Highway, Vacation Bible School, and supporting Benedict and Morris Colleges; and

**WHEREAS,** with an ongoing commitment to working to meet the needs of a growing membership, Hazy Grove Missionary Baptist Church and its congregation are commemorating 100 years of spiritual worship, fellowship, and faith.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 18, 2009, as

## **HAZY GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DAY**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the many contributions and rich history of the church and its congregation.