

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

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