

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, good dental habits learned early and reinforced throughout life positively impact the health and well-being of the residents of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, many children in South Carolina, especially those in low-income families, have limited access to quality dental health care and information on proper oral hygiene; and

WHEREAS, National Children's Dental Health Month helps raise awareness of the prevalence of dental disease among our young people and the importance of good oral health care to their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, as a part of Children's Dental Health Month, Give Kids A Smile Day provides an opportunity for some of our most vulnerable young people to receive free dental health screenings, services, and information from professionals across the state.

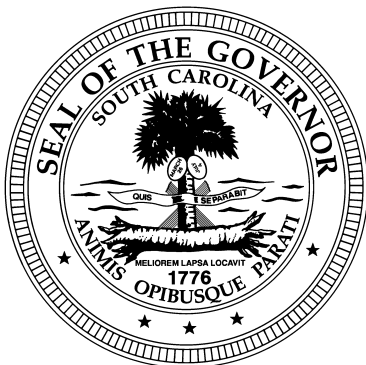
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim February 2009 as

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

and February 6, 2009, as

GIVE KIDS A SMILE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote good dental health habits among the young people of the Palmetto State.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA