

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, written by Francis Scott Key in reaction to the bombardment of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, "The Star Spangled Banner" was adopted as the National Anthem of the United States in 1931; and

WHEREAS, recent surveys indicate that many Americans have limited knowledge of the origin of "The Star Spangled Banner," its author, words, or significance; and

WHEREAS, patriotic songs taught in schools across the Palmetto State and the nation provide lessons and tales of our history and promote our heritage; and

WHEREAS, music education programs in schools help ensure the preservation of the historical legacies and musical traditions of America.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 14, 2005, as

NATIONAL ANTHEM PROJECT DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to celebrate the history of "The Star Spangled Banner" and learn more about the events surrounding the creation of our great nation.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA