

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, before the Revolutionary War, each of the 13 original colonies, including South Carolina, had a designated Liberty Tree under which colonists met to rally for freedom; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the vital contributions trees make to our quality of life, Arbor Day was first observed in 1872 and continues to support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands for future generations; and

WHEREAS, trees are a vital and renewable resource, giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires, and other products that support South Carolina's third largest manufacturing industry; and

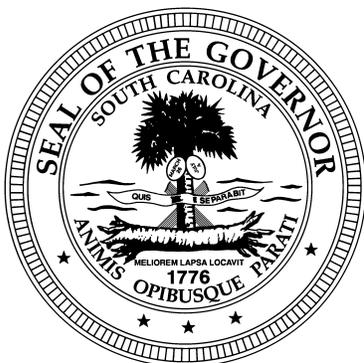
WHEREAS, trees help reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, beautify our communities and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, during the 2007 celebration of South Carolina Arbor Day, a seedling from the last-standing Liberty Tree, a Yellow Poplar, will be planted on the State House lawn.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 7, 2007, as

SOUTH CAROLINA ARBOR DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to plant a tree in celebration of their important role in our ecosystem.



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

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA