## State of South Caroling Sovernor's Proclamation

WHEREAS,

the Weatherization Assistance Program was created in 1976 with the mission "To reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety."; and

WHEREAS,

the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity, in cooperation with the state's local Community Action Agencies, delivers weatherization services in the field; and

WHEREAS,

providing long term solutions to energy and non-energy issues for low-income households, the Weatherization Assistance Program enables these residents to permanently reduce home energy costs, reducing their dependency and freeing funds for other uses; and

WHEREAS.

in 2009, the Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity launched a partnership with the South Carolina Technical College System to create regional Energy Efficiency Training Centers whose main goal is to properly train a "green" workforce for future energy efficiency and renewable energy projects; and

WHEREAS,

with today's high energy costs, the 2010 observance of Weatherization Day provides an important opportunity to increase public awareness of the positive impact of weatherization on the economic well-being of our residents and on the conservation of our energy resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 30, 2010, as

## WEATHERIZATION DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to recognize the positive impact of the Weatherization Assistance Program on the quality of life of the residents of the Palmetto State.

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