WHEREAS, a reliable supply of affordable, environmentally-friendly energy is vital to the economic stability and quality of life of the residents of the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, the development of renewable energy sources and the efficient use of nonrenewable supplies are necessary for the preservation of our natural resources and the future growth of our economy; and

WHEREAS, energy conservation is effective in helping to save money, reduce air pollution, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, learning about energy efficiency and the use of renewable resources is key to the conservation and wise use of available or potential energy supplies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2006 as

ENERGY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about ways to practice energy efficiency at home, at work, and when traveling.