



# State of South Carolina

## Office of the Governor

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Mr. John Asbill Cloyd  
1415 Glenwood Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29204

Dear Mr. Cloyd,

On behalf of the people of South Carolina, I am pleased to award you the Order of the Palmetto — our state's highest civilian honor for service. This award is in recognition of all you have done to better our part of the world over the years.

A life well spent is a life that includes others, and I thank you for all you have done. As the Tax Assessor of Richland County for the past twenty-eight years and as an outstanding community leader, you have set a standard of excellence that is second to none. You have been tireless as an ambassador for many causes, and I am impressed just looking at the breadth of your devotion to your fellow man — your volunteer service with the Family Service Center for many years, the Salvation Army Board of Directors, the City of Columbia and Richland County Homeless Committees and various task forces and advisory committees regarding homeless issues, the Boards of Community Care and the Domestic Abuse Center, the County Assessors of South Carolina and other professional organizations, as well as numerous other noteworthy endeavors. Each has greatly benefited from your wisdom, generosity, leadership and strong support.

In addition, I, along with my fellow South Carolinians and all Americans, thank you for your many years of service in the South Carolina Air National Guard. We are deeply grateful for the dedication of men and women like you who made the commitment and sacrifice to protect our nation and the freedoms my boys now enjoy and will one day cherish.

While it is very difficult to compress and describe all you have done for your community and our state in a letter, please know that South Carolina is blessed by your committed and faithful service. Thank you for upholding the highest ideals of servant leadership in everything you do.

Sincerely,

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

Mark Sanford

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