

# OSCAR SCOTT WOODY DAY

2003

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

## A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the sinking of the Titanic is documented in history as a terrible tragedy that claimed the lives of one thousand, five hundred and seventeen people, five of whom were American sea post clerks assigned to the ship; and

WHEREAS, Oscar Scott Woody, a native of Roxboro, North Carolina was among those sea post clerks of the era that were experienced and skilled workers who sorted thousands of letters a day, often under difficult conditions; and

WHEREAS, these five men spent their last moments of life struggling to save two-hundred sacks of registered mail by dragging them to the upper decks and possible safety although Titanic crew urged them to leave their work; and

WHEREAS, just moments earlier Oscar Scott Woody had been happily celebrating his forty-fourth birthday with colleagues at the stern of the ship; and

WHEREAS, with the approach of the holiday mailing season we remember postal workers like Oscar Scott Woody who commit themselves each day to deliver the mail through adverse conditions;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 24th, 2003, as "**OSCAR SCOTT WOODY DAY**" in North Carolina, and urge all citizens to recognize the contributions made by postal workers throughout history toward the advancement of western civilization.

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-eighth.