

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, South Carolina is vulnerable to various types of severe winter weather including cold temperatures, snow, ice storms, and freezing rain; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can cause injury and death through hypothermia, frost bite, heart attack, traffic accidents, and other related causes; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can interrupt electrical and communication services to homes, schools, and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the ice storm of February 2014 resulted in more than 364,000 electrical outages and more than \$260 million in damage throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property during the winter months can be greatly reduced if everyone in the Palmetto State takes time now to prepare for the effects of a severe winter storm such as stocking up on extra emergency supplies and reviewing family safety plans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 30 - December 6, 2014, as

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the National Weather Service, the State Emergency Response Team, and County Emergency Managers in this effort to increase awareness for winter weather safety and to help further disaster preparedness statewide.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA