

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** while fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Fire and Life Safety and the state's fire service are committed to ensuring the safety of all people living in and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2010, fires claimed the lives of 65 people in South Carolina, 86 percent of which died in homes, the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire deaths, and heating, electrical equipment, and smoking materials are among the leading causes of all reported fires; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires by half, and residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are better prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** the 2011 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Protect Your Family From Fire!" serves as a reminder of the simple actions we can take to help keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Month and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 2011 as

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to protect their homes and families by heeding important safety messages and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA