

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, earthquakes pose a potential threat to the citizens of South Carolina and their property; and

WHEREAS, recent earthquakes in the Virginia and Japan have heightened public awareness and interest in earthquake preparedness; and

WHEREAS, an earthquake similar in intensity to the one that occurred in 1886 with an epicenter near Charleston would today be catastrophic in nature and would cause great loss of life, damage to property, and economic loss amounting to billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, despite advances in science and technology, earthquakes remain unpredictable; and

WHEREAS, because earthquakes can occur any time of the year, it is important for the citizens of the Palmetto State to prepare today for the earthquake that could happen tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 6 - 12, 2011, as

EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in this effort to increase awareness of earthquake safety, to participate in the South Carolina Emergency Management Division's 2011 Statewide Earthquake Drill the morning of November 8, 2011, and to help further statewide preparedness and education.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA