

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS,** more than seven people are electrocuted nationwide each week; and

**WHEREAS,** according to the most recent statistical data, more than 450 civilian deaths each year are related to electrical home structure fires, and property damage from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to an estimated \$1.6 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS,** thousands of injuries and deaths can be prevented by following basic electrical safety precautions, utilizing new technology, and installing, testing, and properly maintaining an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS,** Electrical Safety Month raises awareness of the importance of establishing and practicing good electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2013 as**

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to follow good electrical safety practices throughout the year.



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

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**