

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** hurricanes possess powerful, destructive forces that pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the citizens of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** hurricanes pose the greatest risk to the Palmetto State during the six-month period that runs from June through November; and
- WHEREAS,** storm surge, wind, flooding, and tornadoes caused by hurricanes can adversely affect the lives of citizens along the coast and inland communities of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** the population of coastal counties has grown drastically since a hurricane directly hit the State of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** while the state continues its recovery from the Thousand-Year Flood, many residents have never experienced the direct impact of a major hurricane and may not fully understand the potential threat to life and property that results from these storms; and
- WHEREAS,** residents can take steps now, prior to a potential disaster, to help themselves be better prepared for any emergency, including hurricanes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 29 - June 4, 2016, as

SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the National Weather Service, and local emergency managers in their efforts to encourage and foster hurricane preparedness.



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

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