

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** millions of South Carolinians and visitors to the Palmetto State enjoy boating on our state's waters year-round, emphasizing the need for increased awareness of safe boating practices; and
- WHEREAS,** boating accidents can occur at any time, whether the water is smooth or turbulent and whether the boater is experienced or a novice; and
- WHEREAS,** a significant number of boating accidents occur due to human errors such as operator inattention, failure to follow safe navigation rules, or excessive speed; and
- WHEREAS,** often, these accidents, injuries, and fatalities could have been prevented by implementing safe and responsible boating practices including wearing a life jacket, being alert and aware, and never operating a boat under the influence.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 18-24, 2013, as

SAFE BOATING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote responsible use of our recreational waters by practicing safe boating at all times.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA