

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 2011, fires claimed the lives of 57 people in South Carolina, 89 percent of which died in homes, the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, heating, electrical equipment, and cooking are among the leading causes of fire deaths; 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 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Have Two Ways Out!" serves to remind us to develop and practice a home fire escape plan during Fire Prevention Week and throughout the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes, by practicing their home fire escape plans and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services.



NIKKI R. HALEY
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA