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Good morning Rob, Chaney and Katherine;

Here is a proposed draft of the Governor's proclamation for Severe Weather and Flood Safety Week, which will be March 6-12 with the National Weather Service statewide tornado drill set for March 9 at 9:30. Please let me know if this draft works for you and if you need anything else, thank you!

**Proclamation By
Governor Nikki R. Haley
For Severe Weather and Flood Safety Week**

Whereas, severe weather can occur year-round in the state of South Carolina; and

Whereas, severe weather can often include high winds, heavy rains and the possibility of tornadoes; and

Whereas, severe weather can result in heavy flooding, millions of dollars in damage, personal injuries and the potential exists for loss of life; and

Whereas, recent storms and historic flooding have demonstrated the importance of being personally prepared for emergency situations that put people in harm's way; and

Whereas, all citizens in South Carolina should know the importance of emergency warnings and practice what to do when an alert is issued by public safety officials; and

Whereas, The National Weather Service, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division and all county emergency managers are working together to make sure South Carolinians are safe and prepared for severe weather including tornadoes and flooding.

Now, Therefore, I, Nikki Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 6-March 12, 2016, as

Severe Weather and Flood Safety Week

throughout the state. I urge all South Carolinians to participate in the statewide tornado drill on the morning of March 9 and join this effort to increase public awareness of severe weather and flood safety measures by participating in preparedness and education programs.

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