

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** carbon monoxide (CO) is a leading cause of accidental poisoning death in the United States, resulting in more than 400 fatalities and 15,000 emergency room visits each year; and

**WHEREAS,** known as the silent killer, CO is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that results from improper or faulty combustion and ventilation of fuel-burning appliances; and

**WHEREAS,** the incidence of CO poisoning increases in the winter months when people are turning on their heat and using fuel sources for food and warmth; and

**WHEREAS,** carbon monoxide detectors provide protection against deadly CO poisoning in homes, apartments, dormitories, hotels, and other dwellings that include a fuel-burning source of heat.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2014 as**

### **CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the risks and dangers of carbon monoxide and to take steps to protect against it.



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

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