

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, earthquakes pose a potential threat to the citizens of South Carolina and their property; and

WHEREAS, an earthquake similar in intensity to the one that occurred in 1886 with an epicenter near Charleston would today be catastrophic in nature and would cause great loss of life, damage to property, and economic loss amounting to billions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, despite advances in science and technology, earthquakes remain unpredictable; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina has partnered with the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia for one of the largest earthquake drills in the United States, the *Great Southeast ShakeOut*; and

WHEREAS, because we cannot prevent earthquakes from happening, it is important for the citizens of the Palmetto State to prepare today for the earthquake that could happen tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 13 - 19, 2013, as

SOUTH CAROLINA EARTHQUAKE AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join in this effort to increase awareness of earthquake safety, to register for and participate in the *Great Southeast ShakeOut* earthquake drill the morning of October 17, 2013, and to help further statewide preparedness and education.



NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA