

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, earthquakes pose a potential threat to the citizens of South Carolina and their property; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina experiences an average of 10 to 20 low-magnitude earthquakes each year; 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, West Virginia, Delaware, Florida, and the District of Columbia for one of the largest earthquake drills in the United States; and
- WHEREAS, at 10:20 in the morning on October 20, 2016, everyone in South Carolina is encouraged to practice how to Drop, Cover, and Hold On as part of the *Great Southeast ShakeOut* earthquake drill; and
- WHEREAS, because we cannot prevent earthquakes from happening, it is important for the citizens of South Carolina 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 16 - 22, 2016, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division 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 20, 2016, and to help further statewide preparedness and education.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA