

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, safe driving requires the visual, manual, and cognitive attention of the driver; and

WHEREAS, distracted driving is any activity that could divert a person's attention away from the task of driving and thereby endanger driver, passenger, and bystander safety; and

WHEREAS, while distractions include activities from texting, cell phone usage and adjusting a radio to eating, grooming, and reading a map, text messaging is the most distracting activity because it requires visual, manual, and cognitive attention from the driver; and

WHEREAS, *Put the Brakes on Fatalities Day*[®] is a nationwide effort to reduce fatalities on our roadways by raising awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 10, 2012, as

PUT THE BRAKES ON FATALITIES DAY[®]

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to make our state's roadways safer for all citizens by reducing distracted driving.



Handwritten signature of Nikki R. Haley in black ink.

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA