

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** while fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, Division of Fire and Life Safety and the state's fire service are committed to ensuring the safety of all people living in and visiting our state; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2012, fires claimed the lives of 72 people in South Carolina, 97 percent of which died in homes, the locations where people are at the greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** more fires start in the kitchen than in any other room in the home, and cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires by half, and residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are better prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS,** South Carolina's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS,** with the theme "Prevent Kitchen Fires!", the 2013 observance of Fire Prevention Week serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2013, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn how to increase their safety from fire, especially in their kitchens, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services.



NIKKI R. HALEY
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA