

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** millions of South Carolinians and visitors to the Palmetto State enjoy boating on our state's waters year-round, emphasizing the need for increased awareness of safe boating practices; and

**WHEREAS,** boating accidents can occur at any time, whether the water is smooth or turbulent and whether the boater is experienced or a novice; and

**WHEREAS,** a significant number of boating accidents occur due to human errors such as operator inattention, failure to follow safe navigation rules, or excessive speed; and

**WHEREAS,** often, these accidents, injuries, and fatalities could have been prevented by implementing safe and responsible boating practices including wearing a life jacket, being alert and aware, and never operating a boat under the influence.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 19 - 25, 2012, as

### SAFE BOATING WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to promote responsible use of our recreational waters by practicing safe boating at all times.



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

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