

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** hundreds of people die and thousands are injured each year in the United States as a result of electrically-related incidents; and

**WHEREAS,** more than six people are electrocuted nationwide each week; and

**WHEREAS,** an estimated 418 civilian deaths each year are related to electrical home structure fires, and property damage from home fires caused by electrical failure or malfunction amounts to more than \$1.4 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS,** thousands of injuries and deaths can be prevented by following basic electrical safety precautions, utilizing new technology, and installing, testing, and properly maintaining an adequate number of smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS,** Electrical Safety Month raises awareness of the importance of establishing and practicing good electrical safety habits in the home, school, and workplace to reduce the number of electrically-related fires, injuries, and deaths.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2015 as

### ELECTRICAL SAFETY MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to inspect their homes and workplaces for potential electrical hazards and to follow good electrical safety practices throughout the year.



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

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