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## **Gov. Nikki Haley Announces Severe Weather Awareness Week**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** – Governor Nikki Haley today issued a statewide proclamation designating March 2 – 8 as Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Severe weather can occur year-round in South Carolina and can often lead to the loss of life and millions of dollars in damage to property.

Recent storms have shown that a well-informed public educated in necessary preparedness measures is less likely to suffer personal injury, loss of life, and property damage in the wake of severe weather.

The National Weather Service and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division have expressed a desire to work together to increase awareness in South Carolinians about severe weather safety and preparedness.

Gov. Haley encourages all South Carolinians to participate in the statewide tornado drill on March 4 and to work together to help raise awareness of severe weather safety by taking advantage of available preparedness and educational programs that are available at the South Carolina Emergency Management Division website, <http://www.scemd.org/planandprepare>.

*A copy of the governor's proclamation is attached.*

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