

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, earthquakes pose a potential threat to the citizens of South Carolina and their property; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina experiences an average of 15 to 20 small earthquakes each year; and
- WHEREAS, on February 14, 2014, a 4.1 magnitude earthquake in Edgefield was felt across the entire state; and
- WHEREAS, an earthquake similar in intensity to the one that occurred in 1886 with an epicenter near Charleston would today be catastrophic in nature and would cause great loss of life, damage to property, and economic loss amounting to billions of dollars; and
- WHEREAS, despite advances in science and technology, earthquakes remain unpredictable; and
- WHEREAS, South Carolina has partnered with the states of North Carolina, Georgia, Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia for one of the largest earthquake drills in the United States, the *Great Southeast ShakeOut*; and
- WHEREAS, because we cannot prevent earthquakes from happening, it is important for the citizens of the Palmetto State to prepare today for the earthquake that could happen tomorrow.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 12 - 18, 2014, as

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throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join with the south Carolina Emergence Management Division in this effort to increase awareness of earthquake safety, to register for and participate in the *Great Southeast ShakeOut* earthquake drill the morning of October 16, 2014, and to help further statewide preparedness and education.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA