

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide (CO) is a leading cause of accidental poisoning death in the United States, resulting in over 400 fatalities and 15,000 emergency room visits each year; and

WHEREAS, known as the silent killer, CO is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that results from improper or faulty combustion and ventilation of fuel-burning appliances; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of CO poisoning increases in the winter months when people are turning on their heat and using fuel sources for food and warmth; and

WHEREAS, the incidence of CO poisoning also increases during times of disaster and resulting power outages due to the improper use of generators or alternative heat sources; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide alarms provide protection against deadly poisoning in homes, apartments, dormitories, hotels, and other dwellings that include fuel-burning sources of heat.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2016 as

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to be CO aware (#beCOaware) and work together to raise awareness of the risks and protect themselves and others from the dangers of this preventable silent killer.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA