

# 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**