

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, because of carbon monoxide's reputation as the silent killer, it is important for all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the risks and dangers of this colorless, odorless, tasteless gas and to take steps to protect against it; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to bring attention to the dangers of carbon monoxide and save lives, the Jeffrey Lee Williams Foundation secured a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation to improve carbon monoxide safety in Greater Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The Greater Columbia Carbon Monoxide Safety Coalition, with representatives from six greater Columbia fire departments, the South Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal, the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association, the University of South Carolina Fire Marshal's Office, the University of South Carolina College of Nursing, the University of South Carolina Student Life Office, and the American Red Cross, was formed to facilitate the grant; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is implementing a series of community blitzes to install smoke detectors and at least one thousand carbon monoxide alarms in the Midlands of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the systems, protocols, and materials developed by the South Carolina Office of State Fire Marshal and The Greater Columbia Carbon Monoxide Safety Coalition provide useful resources for conducting similar community blitz campaigns throughout the State of South Carolina and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, support these lifesaving initiatives and encourage communities and fire-service organizations throughout the Palmetto State to launch and maintain similar carbon monoxide safety campaigns in an effort to eliminate carbon monoxide deaths in our state.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA