

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year between 2008 - 2010, an estimated 16,800 intentionally set fires in residential buildings occurred in the United States, resulting in approximately 280 deaths, 775 injuries, and \$593 million in property loss annually; and

WHEREAS, the FBI documented that of the 43,412 arsons reported by 14,717 law enforcement agencies, arsons involving single occupancy and other residential structures accounted for more than 29 percent of the total number of arson offenses; and

WHEREAS, with the theme, "Reducing Residential Arson," the 2013 observance of Arson Awareness Week raises awareness of strategies, such as neighborhood cleanups and improving internal and external security for homes and abandoned properties, that can help combat arson in our communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 5-11, 2013, as

ARSON AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to reduce the incidence of this devastating crime.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA