

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide (CO) is a leading cause of poison-related death in the United States, resulting in nearly 450 fatalities and 20,000 injuries each year; and

WHEREAS, many more cases remain undiagnosed because the symptoms of CO poisoning are non-specific and often misinterpreted; 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, carbon monoxide detectors provide protection against the harmful effects of CO in homes, apartments, dormitories, hotels, and other dwellings that include a fuel-burning source of heat.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2015 as

CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of the risks and dangers of carbon monoxide and to take steps to protect against it.



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

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA