

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** South Carolinians are fortunate to live and work in a state with good air quality; and

**WHEREAS,** clean air is an essential natural resource for outdoor work and recreation, agricultural production, and tourism; and

**WHEREAS,** typically occurring from April through October, ground-level ozone is a type of air pollution that forms on hot sunny days when nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) react; and

**WHEREAS,** while the Ozone Layer protects us from the sun's harmful ultra violet (UV) radiation, ozone can be harmful to our health and the environment at ground level; and

**WHEREAS,** children and people with pre-existing lung disease such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma are especially sensitive to ground-level ozone, with exposure causing shortness of breath, wheezing, and coughing; and

**WHEREAS,** reducing ground-level ozone lowers health risks for the people in South Carolina and helps ensure our continued quality of life.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim April 1-7, 2012, as**

### **OZONE AWARENESS WEEK**

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to safeguard our air quality for future generations.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

**NIKKI R. HALEY**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**