

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Fire Safe South Carolina is a partnership between the Office of the State Fire Marshal in the Division of Fire and Life Safety of the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation, the South Carolina Firefighters Association, the South Carolina Fire Chiefs Association, and the South Carolina Fire Marshals Association; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, almost \$300 million of property, 79,000 acres, and 76 civilian lives were lost to fires in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, fire and life safety, including properly installed smoke alarms in the right locations, fire drill plans and practice, sprinkler systems, and risk identification and elimination, plays a vital role in reducing fire deaths and property loss; and

WHEREAS, Fire Safe South Carolina will unite fire service organizations and engage community stakeholders in support of local fire departments and strategic community risk reduction programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2017, as

FIRE SAFE SOUTH CAROLINA DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to support our fire service organizations work together to improve fire safety at home and in the community.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry McMaster".

HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA