

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
(Fire Prevention Week, 1947)

WHEREAS, destructive fires will claim more lives and destroy greater values in natural and created resources during 1947 than ever before; and

WHEREAS, the President's Conference on Fire Prevention which met in Washington last May developed a truly national approach to the fire problem in which public authorities and private agencies have been united behind a constructive Action Program; and

WHEREAS, our citizens by exercising greater care and caution may help to prevent the vast majority of fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. STROM THURMOND, Governor of South Carolina, invite every man, woman, and child to assume his individual responsibility in this emergency, in order that lives and property in our nation may be conserved. I ask local Governments, the Chambers of Commerce, the National Fire Waste Council, business and labor organizations, the churches and schools, civic groups, and the various agencies of the press, radio, and motion-picture industry throughout the State to cooperate fully in the observance of October 5-11 as Fire Prevention Week; and I ask that the appropriate agencies of the State Government likewise assist in arousing the public to the growing threat of fires.

Given under my hand and seal
this 5th day of September in
the Year of our Lord Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Seven.

J. Strom Thurmond
J. STROM THURMOND, GOVERNOR