

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

WHEREAS, loss of life and destruction of property by fire threatens to reach new peaks in 1948 following a continuous upward trend since 1942; and

WHEREAS, action within the individual states on the part of both public authorities and private agencies is essential to the control of the fire menace; and

WHEREAS, since most fires are caused by carelessness our citizens by exercising greater caution can help to prevent the majority of them;

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, community safety councils, 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 the week of October 3-9, 1948 as Fire Prevention Week; and I direct 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 31st day of August in the
year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

J. Strom Thurmond, Governor