

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

(National Farm Safety Week)

WHEREAS, farm mechanization is advancing by leaps and bounds in South Carolina as evidenced by the fact that tractor population increased from 16,000 to more than 22,000 tractors during the past year, and

WHEREAS, more accidents occur on South Carolina farms than in South Carolina industry; and

WHEREAS, South Carolina is chiefly an agricultural state in which cotton and small grains are rapidly becoming completely mechanized, and

WHEREAS, needless hazards on the farm can be prevented by each farm adopting an annual safety program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of July 24-30, 1949, as NATIONAL FARM SAFETY WEEK in South Carolina. I request all persons and organizations engaged in agriculture to do everything in their power to educate farm people in the proper precautions for eliminating farm hazards and stimulate a statewide determination to stop the needless waste of farm man power and property. I further urgently request that all farm people observe National Farm Safety Week in South Carolina by making a safety check of all hazards in their homes and on the farm and accept the responsibility for eliminating at least one possible source of accidents during this period.

Given under my hand and seal
this 12 day of July, in
the year of our Lord, Nineteen
Hundred and Forty-Nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor