

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

(Fire Prevention Week)

WHEREAS, destructive fires will claim many lives and destroy great values in natural and created resources during 1949 in our State as well as the Nation; and

WHEREAS, most of these fires are due to lack of forethought and carefulness on the part of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, throughout the United States, the period October 9-15 has been set aside as Fire Prevention Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Strom Thurmond, Governor of the State of South Carolina, invite every man, woman and child to assume his or her individual responsibility in this battle against destructive fires so that lives may be saved and property conserved. I ask local governments, Chambers of Commerce, business and labor organizations, 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 Fire Prevention Week; and I request 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  
15th day of September in the Year  
of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and  
Forty-Nine.

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J. Strom Thurmond, Governor