

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, education and awareness are key to improving highway safety among young people and lowering the number of traffic fatalities in the Palmetto State; and

WHEREAS, text messaging is the main method of communication for American teenagers who send an average of 60 texts each day; and

WHEREAS, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has reported that sending or receiving texts while driving makes you 23 times more likely to be involved in a crash; and

WHEREAS, texting while driving jeopardizes the lives of drivers and passengers as well as the lives of other innocent people in the area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nikki R. Haley, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2013, as

TEXTING CAN WAIT - PLEDGE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to do their part to eliminate the dangerous practice of texting while driving.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Nikki R. Haley".

NIKKI R. HALEY
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA