

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS, every 24 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; and
- WHEREAS, in 2018, home fires were responsible for 74 percent of all fire deaths, 11,200 civilian injuries, and 74 percent of all civilian injuries as well as \$25.6 billion in property damage; and
- WHEREAS, the fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80 percent of total call volume in some jurisdictions; and
- WHEREAS, Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and
- WHEREAS, the value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and
- WHEREAS, the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and
- WHEREAS, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and
- WHEREAS, Monday, January 18, 2021, is Martin Luther King Day and is recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce their risk through a series of educational and other programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 18 - 24, 2021, as

COMMUNITY RISK REDUCTION WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about this grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of Community Risk Reduction in the fire service community and the opportunity to make our communities safer.



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HENRY MCMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA