

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** hurricanes possess powerful destructive forces that pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the citizens of South Carolina; and
- WHEREAS,** during the Atlantic Hurricane Season, which occurs from June 1 through November 30, communities across South Carolina are at risk of being impacted by powerful tropical storms and hurricanes; and
- WHEREAS,** storm surge, strong winds, flooding, and tornadoes caused by hurricanes can threaten the lives and property of people in the Palmetto State; and
- WHEREAS,** the past few hurricane seasons have been some of the most active in history, further highlighting the need for our communities to be prepared for these dangerous storms each and every year; and
- WHEREAS,** advanced planning and preparation by residents, businesses, and communities safeguards lives, protects property, and mitigates impacts; and
- WHEREAS,** the South Carolina Emergency Management Division recommends that individuals be their own emergency manager by preparing for the upcoming hurricane season, including creating a disaster plan, building an emergency supply kit, and learning whether you live or work in a hurricane evacuation zone or not; and
- WHEREAS,** taking time to prepare for a hurricane now will save everyone precious time if a storm were to threaten our great state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry Dargan McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 2026 as

SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to join the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, the National Weather Service, all of the agencies that comprise the State Emergency Response Team, and local emergency managers in their efforts to encourage and foster hurricane preparedness during the month of May and throughout the entire hurricane season.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Henry D. McMaster".

HENRY DARGAN McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA