

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, trenching and excavating are two of the most hazardous construction operations with accidents occurring in trenches as shallow as five feet deep and no warning before a cave-in; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for employees who work in and around trenches and excavations to have access to information about current excavation requirements and safety procedures for working in trenches; and

WHEREAS, by reaching as many employees as possible, the number of serious and/or fatal injuries that occur each year from trenching and excavating hazards can be reduced; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for employers to focus on trench and excavation hazards and to reinforce to their employees the importance of using trench protective systems; and

WHEREAS, companies around the state should acknowledge and draw attention to specific hazards related to working in and around trenches and excavations; and

WHEREAS, employers in South Carolina will participate in the Trench Safety Stand Down Week to showcase their commitment to safe and healthy workplaces.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 17-21, 2019, as

TRENCH SAFETY STAND DOWN WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to help raise awareness and reinforce the importance of using trench protective systems and protecting workers from trenching hazards.



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA