

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, each year, South Carolina faces catastrophic events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage – or, even worse, total destruction – to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors fraudulently inflating repair or rebuilding costs; and

WHEREAS, predatory practices by nefarious contractors ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages South Carolinians to get at least three written estimates, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process when hiring a contractor; and

WHEREAS, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in the Palmetto State, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, are committed to educating South Carolinians about predatory practices by dishonest contractors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Henry McMaster, Governor of the great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 22 - 26, 2023, as

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the week.



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

HENRY McMASTER
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA