



SUSTAINABLE STEPS

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Charleston County proclaimed May 15-19th Heat Safety Week. Read the Resolution below:

WHEREAS the United States Natural Hazards Statistics show that nationwide, heat has been the leading cause of weather-related fatalities since 1991; and

WHEREAS according to the United States Department of Labor, dozens of workers die, and thousands become ill every year in extreme heat or humid conditions; and more than 40 percent of heat-related worker deaths occur in the construction industry, though workers in every field are susceptible; and

WHEREAS heat-related illnesses and injuries can affect anyone, regardless of age, occupation, or physical condition; however, heat-related illnesses are also preventable; and

WHEREAS the National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS), created by Nation Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA) and the Center for Disease Control Management Agency (FEMA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), will hold a joint, nationwide social media campaign;

WHEREAS The South Carolina State Climatology Office housed within the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, the National Weather Service, the South Carolina Emergency Management Division, and all local emergency managers are working together to raise awareness of best practices in preventing heat-related illnesses and injuries to reduce the number of incidents across the state this year and the future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Charleston County Council, does hereby proclaim May 15 – 19, 2023, as **Heat Safety Week** in Charleston County and encourages all citizens to join this effort to increase public awareness for those living in or planning to visit Charleston County of the impacts of heat-related illnesses and measures to protect themselves the upcoming summer.

For more information on Charleston County's Sustainability Program or to suggest a Sustainable Step idea, contact Arielle Gerstein at agerstein@charlestoncounty.org, or call (843) 958-4084.

