

# Proclamation



**WHEREAS** lightning is the second-leading cause of storm-related deaths in the United States, second only to floods and more deadly than tornadoes or hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS**, even in times of drought, damaging thunderstorms can strike quickly to cause significant damage; and

**WHEREAS**, lightning strikes are a significant threat in South Carolina, especially for people involved in the state's many opportunities for outdoor recreation; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens should listen to local radio, television, a weather channel or a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio for information on severe weather; and

**WHEREAS**, the vast majority of lightning casualties can be easily, quickly, and cheaply prevented through simple, easy to follow safety guidelines; and

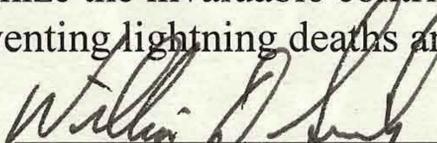
**WHEREAS**, there is a great need to increase public awareness of lightning threats and lightning safety guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, the key to understanding the dangers of lightning is through education and awareness.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, William D. Swails, Mayor of the Town of Mount Pleasant, do hereby proclaim the month of June as

## Lightning Safety Awareness Month

Calling upon all citizens, governmental, educational, and civic organizations to acquaint themselves with lightning threats, lightning safety guidelines and recognize the invaluable contributions public education can make in preventing lightning deaths and injuries.

  
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William D. Swails, Mayor  
Town of Mount Pleasant

