



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina's close proximity to the Appalachian Mountains, Atlantic Ocean, Gulf Stream, and Gulf of Mexico results in a combination of winter weather patterns; our state experiences 6 – 12 winter weather events each year with a mixture of snow, sleet, and freezing rain; and

WHEREAS, a weak La Niña is predicted to bring below average amounts of precipitation and above average temperatures this winter, similar to last winter; however, even when winters are predicted to be warmer and drier than usual, winter storms can and do still occur; and

WHEREAS, the public should monitor weather conditions by listening to local radio, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio, and television stations for storm watches or warnings; all residents need to take precautions to make sure their families and homes are prepared, including stocking enough non-perishable foods, bottled water, and medicine on hand to last for several days; and

WHEREAS, freezing rain is the most dangerous winter weather threat because ice accumulations can bring down power lines and trees disrupting power, travel, and communications for days; most deaths attributed to winter storms result from indirect dangers such as carbon monoxide poisoning from improper indoor use of heat sources, traffic accidents, and falling trees; and

WHEREAS, all residents who choose to drive during winter should make sure their vehicle is in good running condition and has a full gas tank, have a cell phone readily available, and keep basic items on hand such as a scraper, jumper cables, and a first aid kit; if stranded, stay calm and remain inside your vehicle unless shelter is visible, and make sure to clear the exhaust pipe of snow, turn on the engine periodically for short periods, and leave a window open to avoid carbon monoxide buildup; and

WHEREAS, www.ReadyNC.org and its mobile app are available to residents with emergency plans, current weather updates, and traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety and the National Weather Service work together to give the public accurate weather and safety information to help citizens take the proper measures to protect themselves and their loved ones from the dangers of winter storms;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 3 – 9, 2017, as "WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



Roy Cooper
Governor

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this first day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.