



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

**2018**

**BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is an active location for severe weather; in 2017, our state experienced 30 tornado touchdowns, 104 flood or flash flood incidents, 548 severe thunderstorm or wind events, and 102 damaging hail storms resulting in more than \$60 million in statewide damages; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 85 tornado warnings, 561 severe thunderstorm warnings, and 57 flash flood warnings; the average warning lead time for severe weather and tornadoes was 20 minutes, and 100 minutes for flash flood warnings; and

**WHEREAS**, severe thunderstorms produce hail at least an inch in diameter, wind speeds at or surpassing 58 miles per hour, and can produce a tornado; all thunderstorms that produce lightning and lightning strikes are a significant threat in North Carolina – if you hear thunder, go indoors; and

**WHEREAS**, taking steps now to prepare for severe weather and practicing what to do when severe weather strikes can help prevent injuries and loss of life; and

**WHEREAS**, families and individuals should listen to local radio, television, or a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration radio station for information on severe weather; and

**WHEREAS**, residents, businesses, and schools are urged to participate in the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, families should make emergency plans that detail how to get to a safe location, contact each other, and get back together; include in your plan the safest locations on regularly traveled routes; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals should have emergency supply kits in their homes and vehicles, including first aid kit, battery-powered radio, flashlight, non-perishable food, bottled water, sturdy shoes, and work gloves; and

**WHEREAS**, ReadyNC.org and its mobile application are available to provide current weather and traffic conditions and to help residents with their emergency preparedness plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of North Carolina urges all communities and individuals to organize appropriate activities that promote awareness of severe weather and how to stay safe;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 4 – 10, 2018, as “SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK” in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



  
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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 second day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.