



State of North Carolina

Roy Cooper
Governor

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active tornado and severe thunderstorm state and in 2016 it had 16 tornadoes touch down, 121 incidents of flash flooding and 827 incidents of severe thunderstorms involving hail and winds resulting in more than \$80 million in statewide damages; and

WHEREAS, last year the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 61 tornado warnings, 697 severe thunderstorm warnings and 121 flash flood warnings; and

WHEREAS, 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, winds of more than 58 mph, or can produce a tornado; and

WHEREAS, all thunderstorms produce lightning, and lightning strikes are a significant threat in North Carolina; if you hear thunder, go indoors; and

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

WHEREAS, residents, businesses and schools are urged to participate in the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 8 at 9:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, residents should make a family emergency plan with details on how to get to a safe location, contact each other and get back together; include in the plan the safest locations on their regularly traveled routes; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have an emergency supply kit in their homes and vehicles that includes a first aid kit, battery-powered radio, flashlight, non-perishable foods, 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;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 5-11, 2017, as "SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK" in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.



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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 March 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.