

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

**2018**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, last year alone, North Carolina experienced 30 tornadoes, 548 severe thunderstorms with high winds, 102 hail storms, and 104 flood events; and

**WHEREAS**, damages from this severe weather in North Carolina totaled more than \$60 million last year; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across our state have experienced the impacts of wildfires, severe weather, damaging hail, high winds, and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, every community, business, family, and individual in North Carolina must be ready for natural and man-made disasters including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, and public disturbances that might disrupt normal daily activities; and

**WHEREAS**, all North Carolinians can take a few simple steps – make a family disaster plan, create an emergency supply kit, and stay informed – to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority in every community; and

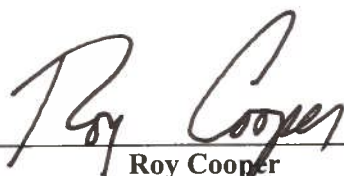
**WHEREAS**, residents should help the elderly and those who cannot help themselves, and include the safety of their pets and/or livestock in their emergency plans; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Emergency Management has created a ReadyNC website in both English and Spanish, as well as preparedness videos in American Sign Language, and provides the ReadyNC mobile app to help residents with their emergency preparedness plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina Emergency Management Association, Citizen Corps, and United States Department of Homeland Security have collaborated to recognize September as National Preparedness Month to inform and educate people about the importance of being prepared;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2018, as “**NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH**” 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 twenty-fourth day of August 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.