



# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

**2019**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is one of the leading states for overall damage from hurricanes; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina suffered from the effects of Hurricane Florence, Tropical Storms Michael and Alberto in 2018, and continues its recovery from Hurricane Matthew in 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, every North Carolina county has felt the disastrous impacts from hurricanes and tropical systems; and

**WHEREAS**, these tropical storms can claim lives and destroy property through storm surge, destructive winds, flooding, tornadoes and landslides; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolinians can take steps now to protect their homes and families from the next damaging storm; and

**WHEREAS**, now is the time to review emergency plans and update insurance policies to ensure coverage for accidental damage, natural disasters and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, now is the time to assemble an emergency supply kits to use at home or during an evacuation with enough non-perishable food and water to sustain family members for at least three to seven days; and to learn about evacuation routes and make plans to comply with evacuation orders; and

**WHEREAS**, now is the time to establish an out-of-state friend who knows your emergency plan, so all of your family members have a point of contact during a disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the ReadyNC.org website and free mobile application are available to provide real-time weather and traffic conditions for all parts of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Emergency Management and local government officials work together with the National Weather Service before and during a hurricane or tropical storm to reduce the possible dangers posed to lives and property, and provide an effective response to these storms;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of May 5-11, 2019, as **"HURRICANE 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 thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-second.