



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

2018

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, the public should monitor weather conditions by following their local National Weather Service Office and listening to their National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio, television stations, and local radio for storm watches, warnings, or advisories; and

WHEREAS, all residents need to take precautions to make sure their families and homes are prepared, and stock enough non-perishable foods, bottled water, and medicine 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; heavy snow and sleet can cause similar disruptions; and

WHEREAS, 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 vehicles are in good running condition and have a cell phone readily available, a full gas tank, and basic items on hand such as a scraper, jumper cables, and first aid kit; and

WHEREAS, if residents become stranded, they should stay calm and remain inside their vehicles 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 people take the proper measures to protect themselves and their loved ones from the dangers of winter storms; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages individuals and interested groups to observe this week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote preparedness and safety during winter weather;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim December 2 – 8, 2018, 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 twenty-sixth day of November 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.