

State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER

GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

2019

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, communities across North Carolina have experienced impacts from hurricanes, floods, wildfires, damaging hail, high winds, landslides, snowstorms and other types of severe weather; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 North Carolina experienced the devastation of Hurricane Florence and Michael as well as 20 tornado touchdowns, 184 flood incidents and 137 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail; and

WHEREAS, every community, business, family and individual in North Carolina must be ready for natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians can prepare by making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit and staying informed; it is important that residents help the elderly, those who cannot help themselves, and remember their pets and livestock when making their emergency plans; and

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

WHEREAS, the N.C. Department of Public Safety, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services, the N.C. Emergency Management Association and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security have collaborated to recognize September as National Preparedness Month to inform and educate North Carolinians about the importance of being prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September, 2019, as "**NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH**" 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 thirteenth day of May 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-third.