

# State of North Carolina

**ROY COOPER**  
GOVERNOR

**NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

**2020**

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

## **A PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, it is vital for every community, business, family, and individual in North Carolina to be prepared for natural and man-made disasters, including tornadoes, flooding, and hurricanes, as well as disease outbreaks like COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina has traditionally seen a high activity of tornadoes and other severe weather; in 2019, our state experienced 51 tornado touchdowns, 91 flood incidents, and 928 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail, all of which resulted in more than \$137.5 million in damages statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, last year, the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 158 tornado warnings and 710 severe thunderstorm warnings, with an average warning time of 17 minutes; and issued 88 flash flood warnings, with an average warning time of 64 minutes ; and

**WHEREAS**, in September 2019, North Carolina began to experience the impacts from Hurricane Dorian when several tornadoes touched down in eastern North Carolina, damaging numerous homes and businesses in Carteret County; more than 190,000 North Carolinians homes lost power during the storm, and some residents had to be airlifted to the mainland; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, Hurricane Florence brought record-breaking rainfall in September, and was followed by Tropical Storm Michael in October; both storms caused widespread power outages, flooding, water rescues, and the loss of life; Florence resulted in more than \$16.7 billion in damages while Michael exceeded \$22 million in damages; and

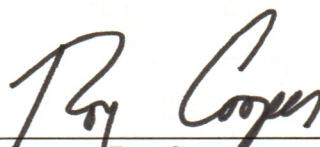
**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency to coordinate the state's response and protective actions to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors to North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, residents can take a few simple steps – making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit, and staying informed – to help make preparedness a personal responsibility and improved health a priority in every community; the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's North Carolina Emergency Management Division has created the ReadyNC website in both English and Spanish, as well as preparedness videos in American Sign Language, to help all residents with their emergency preparedness plans; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Public Safety's Emergency Management Division, local emergency managers, and the North Carolina Emergency Management Association have collaborated to recognize August as North Carolina Preparedness Month, and encourage North Carolinians to stay informed and prepared;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim August, 2020, 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 thirtieth day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-fifth.