



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

2020

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is an active location for severe weather; in 2019 our state experienced 51 tornados, 91 flood incidents, 928 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail, all resulting in more than \$137.5 million in damages statewide; and

WHEREAS, last year the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 158 tornado warnings, 710 severe thunderstorm warnings and 88 flash flood warnings; the average warning time for severe weather and tornadoes was 17 minutes and 64 minutes for flash flood warnings; and

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms produce hail at least one inch in diameter, wind speeds at or surpassing 58 miles per hour, and/or can produce a tornado; all thunderstorms that produce lightning and lightning strikes are a significant threat in North Carolina, especially for people involved in outdoor recreational and sporting events; and

WHEREAS, local radio, television, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather radio provide the latest information on severe weather; and

WHEREAS, residents, businesses, and schools are urged to participate in the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, families should have and practice an emergency plan with details on how and where to get to a safe location on regularly traveled routes, and how to contact each other during emergencies; and

WHEREAS, individuals should have an emergency supply kit in their homes and vehicles that includes a first aid kit, battery-powered radio, flashlight, non-perishable foods, bottled water, sturdy shoes, and work gloves; and

WHEREAS, ReadyNC.org and its mobile application are available to provide current weather, power outages, traffic conditions, and shelter availability to help residents with their emergency preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages all communities, families, and individuals to organize appropriate activities that promote awareness of severe weather and how to stay safe;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 1-7, 2020, as "**SEVERE 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-eighth day of February 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-fourth.