



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

2022

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active state for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, experiencing in 2021: 21 tornado touchdowns, 109 flood incidents, 101 large hail events, and 344 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind, all resulting in more than \$219 million in damages statewide; and

WHEREAS, last year the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 194 tornado warnings, 1,114 severe thunderstorm warnings, and 189 flash flood warnings; and

WHEREAS, the average warning time for severe weather and tornadoes was 16.6 minutes and 49 minutes for flash flood warnings; and

WHEREAS, severe thunderstorms can produce hail at least an inch in diameter, winds greater than 58 mph, and can generate tornadoes; all thunderstorms produce lightning strikes, which are a significant threat in North Carolina, especially for people involved in outdoor recreational and sporting events; and

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

WHEREAS, families should 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, the website ReadyNC.gov is available to help people plan and prepare for emergencies, and to provide information such as power outages, traffic conditions and shelter availability to keep people informed before, during, and after emergencies occur; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina encourages residents, businesses and schools to participate in the statewide tornado drill on Wednesday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 6-12, 2022, 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 third day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-sixth.