



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, last year alone, North Carolina experienced 17 tornadoes, 626 severe thunderstorms with high winds, 213 hail storms, and 245 flood events; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Arlene formed in April, before the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially began, and Hurricane Arthur made history in 2014 as the earliest ever hurricane to make landfall in North Carolina, reminding us that preparedness is needed all year long; and

WHEREAS, communities across our state have seen the impacts of wildfires, severe weather, damaging hail, high winds, and flooding, and many North Carolina communities are still working to recover from Hurricane Matthew; and

WHEREAS, every community, business, family and individual in North Carolina must be ready for natural and man-made disasters including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, and public disturbances that might disrupt normal daily activities; and

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians can take a few simple steps – making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit, and staying informed – to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority in every community; and

WHEREAS, residents should help the elderly and those who cannot help themselves, and include the safety of their pets and/or livestock in their emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Emergency Management has created a ReadyNC website in both English and Spanish, as well as preparedness videos in American Sign Language, and updated its ReadyNC mobile app to help residents become prepared; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Departments of Public Safety and Health and Human Services, the North Carolina Emergency Management Association, Citizen Corps, and the United States Department of Homeland Security have collaborated to recognize September as 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, 2017, as “**NORTH CAROLINA PREPAREDNESS MONTH**,” 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 August in the year of our Lord two thousand and seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.