



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers face serious and dangerous threats to their personal safety during a hurricane, and it is critical that they are aware of the risks that hurricanes present, prepare for all types of natural and man-made disasters, and strive to be positive, pro-active examples to others by sharing information that helps keep their families, neighbors, and communities safe; and

Whereas, no area of New York State is immune to the potentially devastating effects of hurricanes and tropical storms, as shown during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee in 2011 and, most dramatically, during Superstorm Sandy in 2012; and

Whereas, June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of hurricane season in the Empire State and along the Eastern Seaboard, and all New Yorkers should know what steps to take before, during, and after a disaster occurs – including being prepared to sustain themselves for seven to ten days, and being ready to evacuate their homes if a hurricane or coastal storm strikes; and

Whereas, New Yorkers can maximize their safety and reduce the impact of severe weather events before they occur by taking time to prepare themselves and their families, and by taking measures to protect their homes, other property, and pets; and

Whereas, through its Citizen Preparedness Corps, New York State is engaging residents and urging them to be prepared for all types of disasters and emergencies trainings, both online at <http://prepare.ny.gov> and at locations throughout the State; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are urged to sign up for NY-Alert, the State's free, all-hazards alert notification system which provides up-to-date, critical, emergency-related information via the web, email, or smartphone at <http://nyalert.gov> or <http://ialertz.com>; and

Whereas, New York State agencies have partnered with the National Weather Service, private sector organizations, and voluntary organizations to develop a robust system of collaboration and responsiveness that protects public health and safety and provides assistance to our friends and neighbors in their time of greatest need; and

Whereas, State and local agencies continue to educate New Yorkers and provide necessary guidance and information about threats posed by coastal storms and hurricanes, and remain vigilant in their efforts to protect our citizens and communities by taking steps to ensure the highest levels of preparation;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 24 – 30, 2015 as

## HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS AWARENESS WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-first  
of May in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor