



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New Yorkers have increasingly experienced severe weather conditions, harsh winter storms, and natural disasters throughout each season, necessitating constant vigilance and attention to preparedness in order to best protect themselves and their families, their friends and neighbors, and their homes and communities; and

Whereas, we must continue to collaborate with federal, state, and local partners, communities, emergency management officials, first responders, fire and police departments, volunteers, and our neighbors to raise awareness of severe weather events and to educate New Yorkers about ways to become most effectively prepared for the effects; and

Whereas, New York State is committed to working with its partners to train individuals and their families through its Citizen Preparedness Corps trainings, both online and at locations throughout the state, and to working diligently each day to support public awareness of preparation for, response to, and recovery from extreme weather conditions; and

Whereas, the State works closely with the National Weather Service and its five offices statewide to monitor and track hazardous weather systems, and to alert the public when severe weather threats are approaching; and

Whereas, each spring, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services and the National Weather Service engage in a severe weather communications exercise and support government, private, and volunteer partners in testing emergency alert and notification procedures and tools, as well as weather emergency response plans, at all levels of government; and

Whereas, New Yorkers are encouraged to develop and practice individual and family plans to maximize their responsiveness to severe weather events, and to maintain high levels of preparedness for their potentially hazardous effects;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim April 26 - May 2, 2015 as

SEVERE WEATHER 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-fourth day of April in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor