



RON DESANTIS
GOVERNOR

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, the first week in May is recognized by the National Hurricane Center as National Hurricane Preparedness Week and is dedicated to sharing information and encouraging individuals to prepare for the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on June 1 and runs through November 30 with September marking the historical peak of the season; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management responds to disasters year-round, including hurricanes, tropical storms, wildfires, and man-made hazards and remains committed to meeting the needs of Floridians during times of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has distributed more than \$6.5 billion in disaster recovery funding, the most funding that has been paid out within three years in the Division's history, to local governments to support disaster recovery and resiliency of Florida's communities; and

WHEREAS, this year the State of Florida will commemorate the 30th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew's landfall which was a Category 5 storm and forever changed the landscape of Florida's emergency response and hurricane preparedness efforts; and

WHEREAS, this year the State of Florida will also commemorate the 5th anniversary of Hurricane Irma's landfall which impacted nearly all 67 counties and made landfall twice in the state; and

WHEREAS, hurricanes and tropical storms threaten the lives of those in their path and can cause serious damage to homes, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, more than 20 storms have threatened the State of Florida during the last two Atlantic Hurricane Seasons; and

WHEREAS, Floridians and visitors are encouraged to create an individualized disaster preparedness plan and stock a disaster supply kit with at least seven days of supplies for each individual and pet residing in the household; and

WHEREAS, Floridians and visitors are encouraged to identify nearby flood-prone areas and evacuation zones to better understand orders from local officials during a disaster and develop a comprehensive evacuation plan; and

WHEREAS, more Floridians are harmed from carbon monoxide poisoning due to insufficient generator safety practices following a hurricane than as a direct result of the storm; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis will repeatedly discuss proper placement of generators outside and away from air intakes before, during, and after hurricanes and tropical storms; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida encourages each resident and visitor to visit their County Emergency Manager's websites and social media pages for the most up-to-date and locally significant information to create individualized disaster plans for their households; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors must engage in disaster preparedness because the State of Florida is subject to a variety of natural and man-made hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing May 1-7, 2022 as Hurricane Preparedness Week.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-two.


Governor