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MEDIA ADVISORY **Hurricane Preparedness Week**

Pearl – As part of Hurricane Preparedness Week, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency will host and take part in the following events on the Gulf Coast next week:

Tuesday, May 26

News conference kicking off Hurricane Preparedness Week. Topics to be discussed include:

- New contra-flow plans.
- Continued cooperation between Mississippi and Louisiana to facilitate orderly and safe evacuation.
- The importance of having a disaster supply kit and family emergency plan that includes provisions for pets.
- Evacuation destination and route planning.
- Information for transportation of medical special needs citizens.

Location: Interstate 59 Welcome Center in Picayune, at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 27 through Friday, May 29:

MEMA staff will provide public tours of MEMA's Mobile Operations Command Center and distribute hurricane tracking charts and preparedness guides. The Red Cross and local emergency managers will also participate.

Wednesday: Hancock County

Location: Wal-Mart parking lot at 460 Highway 90 in Waveland from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday: Jackson County

Location: Wal-Mart parking lot at 4253 Denny Ave. in Pascagoula from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday: Harrison County

Location: Edgewater Mall at 2600 Beach Blvd in Biloxi from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Governor Haley Barbour declared the week of May 25 – 29 Mississippi's Hurricane Preparedness Week.

MEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, other state agencies and non-profit organizations will provide information and preparedness tips all week to help residents prepare for the upcoming season. For more information, go to www.msema.org.

For more information on National Hurricane Preparedness Week go to The National Hurricane Center's Web site at www.nhc.noaa.gov.

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