

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi is vulnerable to a variety of severe weather hazards throughout the year, including tornadoes, severe thunderstorms, damaging winds, flash flooding, and other hazardous weather conditions; and

WHEREAS, the transition into the fall season can bring changing weather patterns and increased potential for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi experienced a total of 78 tornadoes in 2025; 5 of which occurred in the months of October and November; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi has experienced a total of 79 tornadoes already in 2026, surpassing the entire 2025 total; and

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi over the past 10 years has had 20 tornadoes in October, 54 tornadoes in November, and 121 tornadoes that have touched down in December; and

WHEREAS, history has demonstrated that well-informed and well-prepared citizens sustain less personal injury and fewer property damages as a result of floods and severe storms; and

WHEREAS, Mississippians should be aware that they can take an active role in improving their ability to survive and recover from tornadoes by having a NOAA Weather Radio and multiple other ways to receive warnings and knowing what to do when severe weather threatens; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service are urging Mississippians to be prepared for the upcoming fall season. The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to prepare for tomorrow's disaster today through education focused on individuals, families, and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim October 12 through October 17, 2026, as:

Fall Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Monday, October 12: Make a Plan

Tuesday, October 13: Severe Thunderstorms

Wednesday, October 14: Tornado Safety

Thursday, October 15: Flash Flooding

Friday, October 16: Warning Reception Methods

Saturday, October 17: Mobile Home Safety

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to join in this effort to increase public awareness of severe weather.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 18th day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and fifty-first.


TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR