

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the State of Mississippi regularly experiences the effects of severe weather, and throughout the State's history numerous lives have been lost and tremendous economic damage has been caused by severe weather; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi experienced 76 tornadoes in 2021, more than double the annual average; and

WHEREAS, 50 tornadoes occurred in Mississippi in 2021 during the spring months; and

WHEREAS, in the month of May 2021 alone, Mississippi experienced 27 confirmed tornadoes setting a record for highest tornado total for that month since 1950; and

WHEREAS, history has demonstrated that well-informed and well-prepared citizens sustain less personal injury and fewer economic damages as a result of tornados and other severe weather; and

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

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to prepare for tomorrow's disasters today though education focused on individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service are urging Mississippians to be prepared for the upcoming spring season that usually produces an increased amount of tornados and other severe weather.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, hereby proclaim the week of February 14-19, 2022, as:

Spring Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Monday: Severe Thunderstorms

Tuesday: Flooding

Wednesday: Tornadoes; Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:15 AM

Thursday: Lightning

Friday: Warning reception

Saturday: Mobile Home Safety

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

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 25th day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

**TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR**

