

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, the State of Mississippi experienced 136 tornadoes in 2022, 39 of which occurred in the months of October through December; and

WHEREAS, the Pearl River's flood in August 2022 crested at 35.38 feet, just shy of Major Flood Stage; 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 severe weather 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 severe weather 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 2-7, 2023, as:

FALL SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Monday: Make a Plan

Tuesday: Severe Thunderstorms

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

Thursday: Flash Flooding

Friday: Warning Reception Methods

Saturday: Mobile Home Safety

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to join in these efforts to increase public awareness and preparedness to save lives and property when our State is impacted by 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 11th day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-eighth.



**TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR**