

# 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 137 confirmed tornadoes in 2022, a record number for the state; and

**WHEREAS**, 96 confirmed tornadoes occurred in Mississippi in 2022 during the spring months; 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 knowing what to do when severe weather threatens; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency continues to prepare for tomorrow's disasters today through 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 February 20 through February 25, 2023, as:

## Spring Severe Weather Preparedness Week

**Monday: Severe Thunderstorms**

**Tuesday: Flooding and Flash Flooding**

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

**Thursday: Lightning**

**Friday: Alerts and Warnings**

**Saturday: Mobile Home Safety**

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians 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 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 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-seventh.



**TATE REEVES**  
**GOVERNOR**