

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

2005

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in the year 2004, the National Weather Service issued 158 tornado warnings, 462 severe thunderstorm warnings, 191 flash flood warnings, 286 incidents of severe thunderstorm winds of 60 miles per hour, and 132 severe hail incidents in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active tornado state from March through May and had touchdowns in 70 counties last year, setting a new state record; and

WHEREAS, people are less likely to be injured when they know what to do when a tornado warning is issued and severe weather conditions threaten; and

WHEREAS, citizens should listen to local radio, television, a weather channel or a NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) radio for information on severe weather; and

WHEREAS, families should have an emergency safety plan for home, school, work and on regularly-traveled routes so they know where the safest locations are; and

WHEREAS, people should have a disaster supply kit on hand that contains a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, flashlight with extra batteries, canned and other non-perishable food, a hand-operated can opener, bottled water, sturdy shoes and work gloves; and

WHEREAS, Wednesday, March 16, is the designated day for tornado drills to be held statewide in schools, government buildings and private companies; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service and the Department of Public Instruction have collaborated to inform and educate North Carolinians about how to stay safe in severe weather; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of March 13-19, 2005, as “**SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**” in North Carolina, and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of severe weather and how to stay safe.

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-nine.