

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS: Millions of Georgians are affected each year by severe weather events, including

lightning, thunderstorms, floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, hailstorms, and various winter

storms; and

WHEREAS: The continued population growth in the state increases the potential for fatalities and

damage to property due to severe weather events; and

WHEREAS: In 2019, severe weather events brought tornadoes, lightning, heavy wind, and rainfall

to areas in Georgia, which caused severe damage to life and property; and

WHEREAS: It is critical that Georgians are educated on severe weather systems and preparedness

procedures in order to mitigate the potential for damage during a severe weather event;

WHEREAS: Departments and agencies of the local, state, and federal governments, along with

volunteer and professional associations, faith-based organizations, the private sector, elected leaders, and the news media, are committed to informing Georgia citizens about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that we may better protect

ourselves, our property, our families, and our fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia launched "Ready Georgia," a public education and awareness

> campaign to inform Georgians of the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with resources to be prepared for both weather-related and man-made

emergencies; now

THEREFORE: I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February

3-7, 2020, as SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK in Georgia and encourage all citizens to educate themselves and others about emergency preparedness.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 27th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

