

# 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**, fall is the second severe weather season for our state and has proven to be active with severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, and flash flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, over the last three years, between September and November, Mississippi experienced 27 tornadoes; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Mississippi experienced a total of 61 tornadoes in 2023, 11 of which occurred in the months of November and December; 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 tornadoes by having a NOAA Weather Radio 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 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 7 through October 12, 2024, as:

### **FALL SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

**Monday: Make a Plan**

**Tuesday: Severe Thunderstorms**

**Wednesday: Tornado Safety with a state-wide Tornado Drill at 9:15 AM (weather permitting)**

**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 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.

TATE REEVES  
GOVERNOR