

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 85 tornadoes in 2024, 22 of which occurred in the months of March, April, and May; and

WHEREAS, 13 tornadoes, severe storms, flooding, and straight-line winds impacted 6 counties across Mississippi on April 8-11, 2024, causing widespread damage and 2 deaths; 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 or multiple 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 spring 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 February 9 through February 15, 2025, as:

Spring Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Sunday, February 9: Make a Plan

Monday, February 10: Severe Thunderstorms

Tuesday, February 11: Flash Flooding

Wednesday, February 12: Tornadoes (Statewide Tornado Drill at 9:15 AM)

Thursday, February 13: Lightning

Friday, February 14: Alerts and Warnings

Saturday, February 15: Mobile Home Safety

in the State of Mississippi and encourage all Mississippians to join in this effort to increase public awareness of 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 31st day of January, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-five, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-ninth.



TATE REEVES
GOVERNOR