



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for all residents of New York State to survey, assess, and evaluate various needs in their homes, businesses, and communities for emergency situations – either natural or man-made – and to heighten their readiness levels for potential crises or catastrophic events; while New York State agencies continue to plan and train to enhance their preparedness and response capabilities, residents must share the responsibility to be as prepared as they can; and

Whereas, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our state; and

Whereas, New Yorkers have endured some of the most severe weather events in our history: the unprecedented power and destruction of Superstorm Sandy, the devastation left behind from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, as well as the severely damaging winter blizzards and catastrophic floods that impacted every corner of the state from Long Island, to the Mohawk Valley, to the North Country, to Western New York and the Southern Tier; and

Whereas, state agencies worked tirelessly with their local government partners to coordinate rescue and recovery operations and to ensure that individuals and families received resources and supplies to assist them before, during, and after these events; and

Whereas, individuals, families, and communities across the Empire State need to be prepared for any emergency, and to help people achieve optimum levels of readiness, they are encouraged to visit the New York State Citizen Preparedness website at [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov) to attend a Citizen Preparedness Corps training class, sign up to take the training online, request Citizen Preparedness Corps training for a local business, community event, or nonprofit, or volunteer their skills to the Skilled Volunteers Registry to help their community recover from future disasters; and

Whereas, one way New Yorkers can be better informed of emergency situations is by registering with NY-ALERT ([www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov)), the state's free, all-hazards alert and notification system through which state and local governments and universities can provide the information and instructions to the public via all known communications technologies; and

Whereas, we are proud to again join with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, our fellow states and territories, and hundreds of national organizations to observe National Preparedness Month to engage Americans in emergency preparedness; I urge New Yorkers to educate themselves on how to create those plans and preparations today and carry out activities throughout this month – and every day of the year – to be better prepared to meet any challenge the future might hold, in order to best protect themselves, their loved ones, their homes and places of business;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2014 as

## PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy seal of the State of the Capitol in the City of Albany this third day of September in the year two thousand fourteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor