



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the beauty of New York State is unparalleled, in part, because of the diverse climate that comes with the change of seasons; each season can also bring severe weather conditions that threaten public safety and property, and that can disrupt the daily lives of residents of the Empire State; and

Whereas, from the shores along the Great Lakes to the coastal waters of Long Island, from the majestic Adirondack Mountains to the Southern Tier, all New Yorkers annually face the threat of flooding brought by severe thunderstorms and hurricanes, as well as harsh winter snowstorms and their subsequent thaw; sudden and unexpected weather-related flooding was most recently demonstrated by such events as last year's record rainfall total of 13.5 inches within a twenty-four hour period on August 13, 2014 in the town of Islip, and the extensive lake-effect snow and flooding in Western New York in November 2014; and

Whereas, New York State continues working in partnership with federal, state, and local agencies – along with the volunteer and private sector – to educate and notify the public on how to best prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and manmade disasters; and

Whereas, New York State urges all residents to increase their awareness of the problems posed by flooding and to prepare themselves, their families, and their communities by becoming familiar with important safety information offered to the public through the Citizen Preparedness Corps Training program, which is available in person or online at www.prepare.ny.gov, so they are better prepared for flooding and other natural or manmade disasters; and

Whereas, it is critical that New Yorkers know their risk for flooding, prepare for all types of disasters, review their emergency plans at home and at work, and share information that can keep their families, friends, and communities safe; and

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim March 15-21, 2015 as

FLOOD SAFETY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirteenth day of March in the year two thousand fifteen.

Governor

Walter J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor