



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

Whereas, June 1<sup>st</sup> marks the start of the Atlantic hurricane season and New York State is committed to preparedness in light of the destructive effects that hurricanes and tropical storms can have, including widespread flooding and power outages that can disrupt thousands of lives and incur costly property damage; and

Whereas, New York State has been significantly affected by disaster events in the past – in coastal areas and inland regions – including catastrophic damage and fatalities as a result of each of Superstorm Sandy and Hurricane Irene, and devastating destruction as a result of Tropical Storm Lee; and

Whereas, New York State residents are urged to become more aware, informed, and educated about unpredictable weather threats and hurricane-related hazards, such as storm surges, flooding, high winds, and tornadoes, and how these occurrences can affect their homes and communities; and

Whereas, all individual and family households should develop an emergency plan, gather emergency supplies, and monitor severe weather systems via their local Emergency Alert System radio and television channels; and

Whereas, New York State residents are encouraged to visit [www.prepare.ny.gov](http://www.prepare.ny.gov) to learn more about emergencies and disasters, and to either sign up for or complete online Citizen Preparedness Corp training in their communities; and

Whereas, individual and family households are also urged to sign up at [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov) to receive important, timely, and customizable weather alerts and other emergency notifications; and

Whereas, the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, the National Weather Service, and local emergency managers regularly provide comprehensive safety and preparedness information, and all New Yorkers should become fully aware of and utilize these important resources in advance of the 2016 hurricane season to ensure their highest level of readiness;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim May 15-21, 2016 as

## HURRICANE 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 twelfth day of of May in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor