



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Hurricanes pose a significant threat to Texas. Catastrophic storms can not only devastate coastal communities, but also produce hazardous conditions for inland areas. As a result, we must remain vigilant during hurricane season and aware of the potential for severe weather year-round.

Originating in the Atlantic Ocean, the Eastern Pacific Ocean, the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico, hurricanes produce heavy winds, storm surges, torrential rains, inland flooding and tornadoes. It is important that all Texans, particularly residents of the Gulf Coast, be aware of the dangers they present. This is especially the case between June 1 and November 30, when hurricanes are most likely to occur.

Planning and preparation can greatly reduce loss of life and property. Texans should be familiar with the difference between a hurricane watch and a hurricane warning. Families should designate a safe place to meet in case of evacuation, develop an emergency plan for communicating with relatives and friends in other areas and put together a "readiness kit" of important supplies. Everyone should heed all warnings, information and instructions provided by local officials and emergency management personnel.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of the dangers presented by hurricanes, to stay informed about current threats and to take steps toward preparedness. Together, we can ensure a bright future.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 24–30, 2015, to be

Hurricane Preparedness Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 26th day of May, 2015.


Governor of Texas