



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Each May, Texans set aside a week to recognize and raise awareness of the devastation hurricanes can bring to our households, neighborhoods, and local economies. Texas' coastline and inland communities are at a greater risk of hurricanes during the six-month period that runs from June through November. As a result, we must come together and prepare for these potentially life-threatening forces of nature.

Hurricanes are powerful and destructive forces that can inflict immense damage and pose a serious threat to the lives and property of Texans. Consequently, during hurricane season we must remain vigilant and aware of the severe weather that can accompany these tropical systems.

Hurricane Harvey was one of the worst disasters in U.S. history and required the largest disaster response ever executed in Texas. Hurricane Harvey was an inestimable tragedy for many Texans and its destruction taught us that practicing preparedness for severe weather must become a priority in our households and communities.

There are no substitutes for having emergency supplies and a well-prepared emergency plan in place. Before the 2020 hurricane season begins, take the time to sign up for emergency alerts, review plans for shelter and evacuation, build your emergency kit, check your insurance coverage and document your property, strengthen your financial preparedness, harden your home, and develop a plan to keep in touch with your loved ones during a disaster.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of the dangers presented by hurricanes, stay informed about current threats, and take steps toward preparedness. Together, we are ready!


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 3–9, 2020, to be

## **Hurricane Preparedness Week**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
Governor of Texas