



STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

As a result of our size and proximity to the Gulf of Mexico, Texas faces a significant threat of hurricanes. These weather events are marked by heavy rainfall, rapidly rising sea levels, and winds traveling faster than automobiles. Consequently, hurricanes endanger life, safety, and property, in both coastal and inland communities.

Over the course of Texas history, hurricanes have inflicted billions of dollars' worth of damage, devastated local economies, and laid waste to critical infrastructure. As we assess the societal impact of these disasters, we must not forget their effect on individuals. In addition to the lives cut short, many people have lost their homes, livelihoods, and possessions during these terrifying storms. We must therefore do all we can to mitigate the harm of hurricanes, and preparedness must be at the center of our efforts.

All residents, families, businesses, and organizations in Texas should proactively protect themselves—throughout the year and especially during hurricane season, which lasts from June through November. We must assess our individual risk factors and address them as best we can. Specifically, we should identify floodplains and dangerous areas; develop an evacuation plan; stockpile disaster supplies such as food, water, medicine, and lights; ensure that our finances are in order; retrofit buildings for gale-force winds; and communicate with vulnerable neighbors.

Each year, before hurricane season, a week is set aside to emphasize the importance of hurricane preparedness and to remind us of the destructive power of hurricanes. Texans should prepare for hurricane season to the fullest extent possible, and all state agencies should review and update their hurricane preparedness plans.

Additionally, cities, counties, and state agencies—including the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the Texas Education Agency, the Office of the Comptroller, the Texas Department of Insurance, and the Department of State Health Services—will conduct public awareness campaigns to spark public dialogue on this important issue.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to learn about prevention measures and implement them prior to hurricane season. By so doing, we will stave off the worst eventualities and bolster the safety and security of this great state.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 26–June 1, 2024, to be

Hurricane Preparedness Week



in Texas and urge all Texans to observe the occasion with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto affixed my signature this the 24th day of May, 2024.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas