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### **GOVERNOR SCOTT PROCLAIMS MAY 22-28, 2011 AS FLORIDA HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Governor Rick Scott has proclaimed May 22-28, 2011 as *Florida Hurricane Preparedness Week*. All Floridians are urged to take the necessary measures this week to prepare for the 2011 Atlantic Hurricane Season which begins June 1.

“Though our state has avoided a land-falling hurricane for the last five years, now is not the time to become complacent,” said Governor Scott. “I encourage everyone to take the opportunity during this important week to prepare their homes, families and businesses for what could be an active season.”

Various preparedness events will take place throughout the state this week and residents should consult their local emergency management agency to find out about events in their area. This year, the Week occurs during the annual Statewide Hurricane Exercise, an important training event held by Florida’s local, state and federal responders to prepare for a potential hurricane this season.

“I am grateful for Governor Scott’s declaration and his dedication to building a ‘culture of preparedness’ in Florida,” said Bryan W. Koon, director of the Florida Division of Emergency Management. “To ‘*Get A Plan!*’ for your family or business, go to [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org) today. A little preparation now could be a lifesaver this hurricane season.”

If you already have a family and business disaster plan and supply kit, now is the time to review, recycle and restock for 2011. Florida Hurricane Preparedness Week is held in tandem with National Hurricane Preparedness Week. For more information, go to: [http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepared\\_week.shtml](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/outreach/prepared_week.shtml).

The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 – November 30. For more information on the Florida Division of Emergency Management and to GET A PLAN!, please visit: [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org). Follow us on Twitter at [www.Twitter.com/flsert](http://www.Twitter.com/flsert) and on Facebook at [www.Facebook.com/FloridaSERT](http://www.Facebook.com/FloridaSERT).

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