



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, the State of Florida is recognized as a national leader in emergency management and remains steadfast in its commitment to helping Floridians efficiently prepare for, respond to, and recover from all disasters; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Atlantic Hurricane Season officially begins on June 1 and continues through November 30, with the month of September historically marking the peak of the season; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as National Preparedness Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that may occur at any time; and

WHEREAS, this year, the State of Florida commemorates the 20th anniversary of the historic 2005 hurricane season, which included Hurricanes Katrina and Wilma, and has since made monumental advancements in its mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of natural and man-made hazards, and both residents and visitors are strongly encouraged to take proactive steps to protect themselves, their families, and their property against potential widespread damage to homes, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, all individuals in Florida are urged to remain prepared throughout hurricane season by developing a disaster preparedness plan and assembling a disaster supply kit with at least seven days' worth of essential supplies for each household member, including pets; and

WHEREAS, Florida's business community plays a vital role in disaster recovery, and business owners are encouraged to develop continuity plans to minimize disruption and support the resilience of local economies; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors are urged to learn whether they live in flood-prone areas or evacuation zones, and to create comprehensive evacuation plans based on guidance from local emergency management officials; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida emphasizes the importance of tailoring disaster preparedness plans to meet the unique needs of individuals and households, empowering all Floridians and visitors to make informed decisions before, during, and after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, Floridians and visitors are encouraged to stay informed by regularly visiting their county emergency management websites and following official social media channels for the most accurate and locally relevant preparedness information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 2025 as *Florida Preparedness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 28th day of August, in the year two thousand twenty-five.


Governor