



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, hurricanes and tropical storms threaten the lives of those in their path and can cause serious damage to homes, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors must engage in disaster preparedness because the State of Florida is subject to a variety of natural and man-made hazards; and

WHEREAS, each May is recognized by the National Hurricane Center as 'National Hurricane Preparedness Week' and is dedicated to sharing information and encouraging individuals to prepare for the upcoming Atlantic Hurricane Season; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is a national leader in the field of emergency management and remains committed to ensuring Floridians are able to prepare for, recover from, and mitigate against all disasters impacting our state; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management responds to disasters year-round, including hurricanes, tropical storms, flooding, wildfires, and man-made hazards, and remains committed to meeting the needs of Floridians during times of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season begins on June 1 and runs through November 30, with September marking the historical peak of the season; and

WHEREAS, during the 2022 and 2023 Hurricane Seasons, the Florida Division of Emergency Management led unprecedented response efforts across multiple areas of the state to hurricanes Ian, Nicole and Idalia, and continues to support recovery efforts in impacted communities; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has distributed more than \$10 billion in disaster recovery funding since 2019 – the most funding that has been paid out within that time frame in the Division's history – to local governments to support disaster recovery and resiliency of Florida's communities; and

WHEREAS, this year the State of Florida will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the historic 2004 Hurricane Season, where Florida experienced four hurricane landfalls (Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne) within a six-week period; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians and visitors are encouraged to create an individualized disaster preparedness plan and stock a disaster supply kit with at least seven days of supplies for each individual and pet residing in the household; and

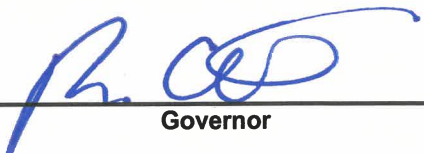
WHEREAS, all Floridians and visitors are encouraged to identify nearby flood-prone areas and evacuation zones to better understand orders from local officials during a disaster and develop a comprehensive evacuation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management encourages Floridians and visitors to keep their gas tanks at least half-full throughout hurricane season to ease evacuation traffic and long lines at gas stations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend support and encouragement to all observing May 5 – May 11, 2024, as *Hurricane Preparedness Week*.

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 5th day of May, in the year two thousand twenty-four.




Governor