



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

**FLORIDA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management responds to disasters throughout the year and remains committed to meeting the needs of Floridians; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week is observed each year by the National Weather Service to increase awareness and emphasize the importance of preparedness for severe weather hazards; and**

**WHEREAS, education and proactive community outreach efforts remain a top component to prepare and protect our communities from these natural hazards; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week focuses on common natural hazards occurring in Florida including thunderstorms, lightning, marine hazards, rip currents, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, extreme temperature and wildfires; and**

**WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service the State of Florida has the highest occurrence of thunderstorms in the United States, and it is important for all households to have an emergency kit and communications plan when these storms occur; and**

**WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service the State of Florida has the most hurricane impacts of any state in the nation, Floridians should be prepared year-round for hurricanes and pay extra attention to the weather during warmer month when hurricanes are most likely to form; and**

**WHEREAS, post hurricane safety is just as important as precautionary acts, such as avoiding driving through standing water and safely using a generator, outside and away from windows; and**

**WHEREAS, lightning is one of nature's deadliest and most unpredictable weather phenomena, and all thunderstorms contain lightning that can abruptly cause harm to people or property; and**

**WHEREAS, Florida's residents and visitors must be aware of and prepared for several year-round threats such as flooding, rip currents, and wildfires; and**

**WHEREAS, the State of Florida encourages every resident and visitor to visit their local County Emergency Management website and social media pages for the most up-to-date and locally significant information to create locally specific disaster plans for their households.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing February 7-11, 2022, as *FLORIDA SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK* and participating in activities to increase their personal knowledge of and preparing and protecting their families, homes, and businesses, from natural hazards that impact Florida.**



**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 7<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year two thousand twenty-two.**

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written in a cursive style.

**Governor**