



**STATE OF TEXAS
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

As anyone caught in a sudden Texas downpour or cold front can tell you, the weather in the Lone Star State can change in an instant. Severe weather poses a significant threat to Texans' lives and properties. As a result, we must be ever-vigilant in the face of these dangers.

While storms can strike at any time of the year, the months of March, April and May bring a greater potential for violent weather events, including damaging thunderstorms, hail storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding. It is vital that all Texans be aware of and prepared for the dangers they present.

Planning and preparation can greatly reduce loss of life and property when disasters strike. Texans should designate a safe place for family members to meet in case of evacuation, decide how to maintain communication with loved ones and put together a "preparedness kit" of important documents and supplies. Most importantly, Texans should heed warnings and instructions issued by local officials and emergency management personnel.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of the dangers presented by severe storms, stay informed of current conditions and take precautions to prevent loss of life and property. Together, we can work toward a brighter future for our great state.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim March 1–7, 2015, to be

Severe Weather Awareness Week



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 26th day of February, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Greg Abbott".

Governor of Texas