



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, the citizens of the state of Alabama have suffered significant effects from severe weather during the primary and secondary severe weather seasons because of storms, tornadoes, straight-line winds and flooding; and

WHEREAS, during April 27, 2011 more than 250 deaths occurred during a supercell tornado outbreak that spun 62 tornados across the state and caused thousands of injuries and destroyed thousands of homes; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, Alabama ranks number one in the nation in average annual tornado fatalities; and

WHEREAS, increased public awareness and public education regarding severe weather preparedness can decrease the number of lives lost from deadly storms, which can occur any time of the year; and

WHEREAS, our citizens are our state's greatest resource, historical data shows that building codes, insurance and available emergency funds protect our people, build more resilient communities, positioning Alabamians to prepare, mitigate, respond and recover more favorably when disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service, Alabama Emergency Management Agency and local Emergency Management Agencies encourage Alabamians to take this opportunity to develop a disaster plan, build an emergency kit, create an emergency communication plan and practice with family members to insure all know what to do and where to go before, during and after a storm;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim February 17 through February 22, 2019, as

Severe Weather Awareness Week

in the state of Alabama and invite each citizen in this great state to use all resources at your disposal to ensure you can keep you and your family safe from the storm.



*Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 15th day of February 2019.*

Kay Ivey
Kay Ivey, Governor