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Hurricane Preparedness Week

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Governor Greg Abbott today issued a proclamation raising awareness about the dangers of hurricanes and the precautions Texans can take as hurricane season approaches.

Each May, Texans set aside a week to raise awareness of the destructive force hurricanes can bring to communities, neighborhoods, and local economies. The Texas coastline and inland communities are at a greater risk of hurricanes during the six month period that runs from June through November. As a result, we as Texans must come together and prepare for these potentially life-threatening forces of nature.

Hurricanes are powerful and destructive forces that can inflict immense damage on our communities and pose a serious threat to the lives and property of Texas citizens. Consequently, we must remain vigilant during hurricane season and stay aware of the potential for severe weather that can accompany tropical systems.

Hurricane Harvey was one of the worst disasters in U.S. history and proved to be the largest disaster response ever executed in Texas. Hurricane Harvey was an inestimable tragedy for many Texans and its destruction taught us that practicing preparedness for severe weather must become a priority in our households and communities.

There are no substitutes for having emergency supplies and a well-prepared emergency plan in place. Before the 2019 hurricane season begins, take the time to sign up for emergency alerts, review plans for shelter and evacuation, build your emergency kit, check your insurance coverage and document your property, strengthen your financial preparedness, harden your home, and develop a plan to keep in touch with your loved ones.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of the dangers presented by hurricanes, to stay informed about current threats, and to take steps toward preparedness. Together, we are ready!

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim May 5–11, 2019, to be Hurricane Preparedness Week.

GREG ABBOTT
Governor