



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Earlier this year, Texans witnessed severe thunderstorms that produced tornadoes, straight-line winds and catastrophic flooding. These events, compounded with Tropical Storm Bill, directly impacted the safety of citizens and communities, caused fatalities, and destroyed personal and commercial property.

Disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, wildfires, droughts, pandemics, acts of terrorism or cyberattacks come with limited or no warning. In any instance, preparedness is the key to readiness in the face of these threats and can greatly reduce loss of life and property.

Preparedness is a responsibility shared by all Texans. Families can help protect loved ones, friends and communities by participating in preparedness conversations and planning for all types of emergencies. Everyone should develop and exercise an emergency plan that includes a family communications strategy, an emergency meeting place and a three-day disaster preparedness kit for homes and vehicles with important supplies including food, water and essential documents.

At this time, I encourage all Texans to remain mindful of the dangers presented by natural and man-made disasters. Stay informed and vigilant about potential threats and follow instructions issued by your local officials and emergency management personnel. Together we can prepare and develop a more resilient Texas.


Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2015 to be

## **Preparedness Month**



in Texas, and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof, I hereby affix my signature this the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

  
Governor of Texas