

STATE OF ILLINOIS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, tornadoes, thunderstorms and flooding can occur at any time of the year in Illinois, but are particularly prevalent during the spring and summer months; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois experienced 54 tornadoes in 2013, which resulted in eight fatalities, 187 injuries and widespread destruction to more than 2,000 homes, businesses and public property; and,

WHEREAS, Illinois also saw historic flooding along several rivers and streams throughout the state in 2013, which caused extensive damage; and,

WHEREAS, wind, hail, lightning and heavy rains also caused considerable property damage and threatened safety during 2013, and,

WHEREAS, many storm-related deaths and injuries can be prevented if people take the time to learn about and follow safety measures before, during and after a storm; and,

WHEREAS, one of the most important preparedness items for homes and workplaces is a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Alert Radio, which provides round-the-clock alerts of approaching storms and other hazards; and,

WHEREAS, it is also important for people to maintain a home emergency supply kit with a flashlight, batteries, radio, food, water, first aid kit and other necessities, and have a predetermined safe location where family members can go during severe storms or tornadoes; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and the National Weather Service are joining together to increase public awareness of severe weather hazards in Illinois and encourage citizens to prepare for severe weather:

*THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim March 2014 as **SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Illinois. During this month I urge all citizens of Illinois to learn more about the dangers of thunderstorms, tornadoes and flooding and to take steps to ensure they are prepared to stay safe when severe weather threatens.*

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,

this TWENTY-EIGHTH day of FEBRUARY, in

the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and

FOURTEEN, and of the State of Illinois,

one hundred and NINETY-SIXTH.

Pat Quinn

GOVERNOR