



WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION

WAKE COUNTY PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2016

WHEREAS, last year alone North Carolina experienced nine tornadoes, 432 severe thunderstorms and high wind events, 110 hail storms, and 133 flood events; and

WHEREAS, Wake County had experienced two winter storms and multiple instances of flooding this year; and

WHEREAS, two tropical systems formed before the 2016 Atlantic Hurricane season officially began, and Hurricane Arthur made history in 2014 as the earliest ever hurricane to make landfall in North Carolina, reminding us that preparedness is needed all year long;

WHEREAS, every community, business, family and individual in Wake County must be ready for natural and man-made disasters including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and public disturbances that might disrupt normal daily activities; and

WHEREAS, all Wake County residents can take a few simple steps – making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit and staying informed – to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority; and

WHEREAS, Wake County residents should know the risks for their area and plan accordingly, and

WHEREAS, Wake County residents should help those who cannot help themselves; and

WHEREAS, Wake County residents should include the safety of their pets and/or livestock in their emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, Wake County, North Carolina Emergency Management and the US Department of Homeland Security have collaborated to recognize September as National Preparedness Month to encourage residents to be disaster ready;

NOW THEREFORE, we, the Wake County Board of County Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2016, as “**WAKE COUNTY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**” in Wake County, and encourage all County residents to plan and prepare weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits and updating their emergency plans.

ADOPTED This 6th day of September, 2016.

James West, Chairman
Wake County Board of Commissioners