

PROCLAMATION

WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

March 14-20, 2010

WHEREAS, natural disasters impact many Pennsylvania communities, resulting in widespread damage to public and private property;

WHEREAS, of the range of natural disasters that can occur in the Commonwealth, flooding is by far the most common, due in part to our mountainous terrain and our nation-leading 83,000-mile network of rivers, creeks and streams, Pennsylvania being recognized as one of the most flood prone states in the nation;

WHEREAS, heavy rains and flash flooding may result in extensive damage to roads, streets, bridges, private homes, and businesses, and may cause other adverse impacts upon the general population Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Council to assist state, county and municipal governments in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from these disasters;

WHEREAS, each year, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA), along with county emergency management officials and the U. S. National Weather Service, administers a week-long weather emergency preparedness program to alert citizens and elected officials to severe weather related dangers;

WHEREAS, in addition to educational and public information programs, the March 18th statewide exercise provides county and local emergency personnel, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and day care centers the opportunity to test the effectiveness of their emergency response plans and procedures;

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Emergency Alert System, which provides an essential communications link between government and citizens during an emergency, will be tested statewide through over 400 radio and television stations and;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the need to adequately prepare for emergencies and as support for these educational and training program We, the Commissioners of Warren County do hereby proclaim March 14-20, 2010, as Weather Emergency Preparedness Week in Warren County.

Adopted this 24th day of February, 2010

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