

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES  
WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK  
DECEMBER 1-5, 2014**

- WHEREAS:** Clayton County is vulnerable to extreme cold and winter storms that can bring snow and ice, sleet, and freezing rain, which can damage property, disrupt travel and cause power outages as was seen in January and February of 2014; and
- WHEREAS:** Winter storms are considered “deceptive killers” because most deaths are indirectly related to the storm. Instead, most people die in traffic accidents on icy roads and of hypothermia from prolonged exposure to cold; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County Fire & Emergency Services has formed a Severe Weather Task Force including the Clayton County Chief Operating Officer, Clayton County Police Department, Clayton County Sheriff’s Office, Clayton County Transportation & Development, Clayton County Building and Maintenance, Clayton County Information Technology, Clayton County Access Television, Clayton County Senior Services, Clayton County Correctional Institute, Clayton County Board of Health, Clayton County Board of Education, Southern Regional Medical Center and Georgia Power; and
- WHEREAS:** The purpose of this task force is to ensure the timely and accurate distribution of emergency information to responders and the public, and to prevent and respond to winter weather emergencies by formulating response strategies using best practices and from lessons learned during previous incidents; and
- WHEREAS:** All Clayton County citizens are encouraged to prepare and plan for winter weather conditions by winterizing their homes, learning the terms used to identify winter weather, making a family communications plan, preparing a ready kit of emergency supplies for their homes and cars, minimizing travel, and bringing pets indoors; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County Emergency Management Agency’s “[ReadyClayton.com](http://ReadyClayton.com)” website provides winter weather preparedness tips as well as preparedness information for all types of emergencies. Also, The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) maintains a Ready Georgia public relations campaign that encourages residents to complete a personal profile on the Ready Georgia website at “[ready.ga.gov](http://ready.ga.gov)”; and
- WHEREAS:** Clayton County Emergency Management recommends all citizens download the Ready Georgia App from the Ready Georgia website to your smart phones. It offers Clayton County residents geo-targeted severe weather and emergency alerts, traffic information, and an enhanced shelters’ map that displays the location of open Red Cross shelters and warming centers along with directions from the users’ current location; now
- THEREFORE:** I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim December 1-5, 2014 as **WINTER WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK** in Clayton County, Georgia and urge all Clayton County Citizens to educate themselves and others about the dangers of winter weather and to always be prepared.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December in the year two thousand fourteen.

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Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman