

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 2 - 6, 2015**

WHEREAS: Each year Clayton County citizens face the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes, and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health, and property; and

WHEREAS: In 2014, severe weather events in Georgia included two snow and ice storms, 24 tornadoes, and 40 flooding events that caused nearly \$8 million in damage; and

WHEREAS: Severe weather events in Georgia have killed at least 361 people since 1978, including one in 2014, injured countless others, and caused substantial property damage in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: It is essential that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness continue for the benefit of all. Clayton County Citizens are encouraged to have multiple ways to receive weather alerts including monitoring local media, NOAA Weather radio, ReadyGA smart phone app, and Clayton County's ReadyClayton.com website; and

WHEREAS: Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, National Weather Service, Clayton County Police, Clayton County Sheriff's Office, Clayton County Health Department, Clayton County Board of Education, Clayton County Library System, Red Cross, Cities of Jonesboro, Morrow, Lake City, Lovejoy and Riverdale, Clayton News Daily and Clayton Amateur Radio Emergency Services are committed to continuing efforts to inform citizens on safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so they may better protect themselves, their families, neighbors and their communities; now

THEREFORE: I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the week of February 2 - 6, 2015, as "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK" in Clayton County, Georgia. I encourage all our citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the week:

February 2 nd	Family Preparedness Day
February 3 rd	Thunderstorm Safety
February 4 th	Tornado Safety (Statewide Drill)
February 5 th	Lightning Safety
February 6 th	Flooding (Alternate Statewide Drill)

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia to be affixed this 3rd day of February in the year two thousand fifteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman