



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR  
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

**PROCLAMATION**

**WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK  
March 14-20, 2010**

*WHEREAS, Severe weather impacts many Pennsylvania communities and leaves citizens, municipalities and businesses dealing with widespread damage to public and private property; and*

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

*WHEREAS, heavy rains and flash flooding may result in extensive damage to roads, streets, bridges, private homes and businesses, and may threaten the lives of the general population; and*

*WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) to assist state, county, and municipal governments in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters; and*

*WHEREAS, each year, 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 of severe weather related dangers; and*

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

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

*WHEREAS, in recognition of the need to adequately prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, it is critical to support educational and training programs throughout the Commonwealth.*

*THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim March 14-20, 2010, as WEATHER EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK in Pennsylvania.*

*Given under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this twelfth day of March in the year of our Lord, two thousand and ten, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fourth.*

*Edward G. Rendell*

EDWARD G. RENDELL  
Governor