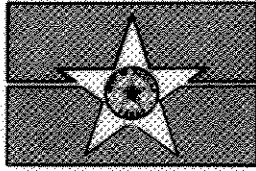


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Proclamation

WHEREAS, wherever and whenever severe weather strikes, preparedness and awareness are key to protecting residents throughout the City of Dallas; and

WHEREAS, the spring and summer months especially are prone to conditions that create severe weather, such as thunderstorms, lightning strikes, floods and tornadoes and, for these reasons, the American Red Cross and the National Weather Service launch an annual awareness campaign at the start of spring; and

WHEREAS, during this effort, the City of Dallas works to inform the public about the necessary steps one should take to be prepared for severe weather, including the creation of an emergency action plan and other recommendations and programs offered by the City's Office of Emergency Management (OEM); and

WHEREAS, the OEM dutifully has sought to inform and educate residents that a proper emergency action plan includes: (1) staying alert during severe weather conditions; (2) having a designated safe area in their home and business; (3) maintaining a reliable method of obtaining official news and information by radio, television or by a National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) all-hazards radio; and (4) directions concerning how and when to turn off utilities in their home; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas urges everyone in the community to learn more about and to participate in severe weather preparedness activities available in Dallas.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOM LEPPERT, mayor of the City of Dallas and on behalf of City Council, do hereby proclaim February 24 – March 1, 2008, as

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

in Dallas, Texas.

Mayor, The City of Dallas

