

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION IN OBSERVANCE OF WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK

Whereas, the State of Delaware is at risk for dangerous winter weather such as extreme cold, snow, freezing rain, ice, blizzards, strong winds, and coastal storms; and

Whereas, severe winter weather can endanger motorists and travelers, cause prolonged power and utility outages, and threaten the health and well-being of families and communities; and

Whereas, everyone can take action to increase their readiness and resilience for the winter season – by monitoring weather forecasts, heeding warnings and advisories, building and stocking home and car emergency kits, weatherproofing buildings, conducting vehicle safety checks, and practicing safe driving – steps that can help protect loved ones, homes, and businesses; and

Whereas, in partnership with the National Weather Service, the Delaware Department of Transportation, and local and county emergency officials, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency is prepared to respond to many types of winter weather hazards and urges residents and visitors to visit PrepareDE.org to "make a plan, build a kit, and stay informed" on winter weather; and

Whereas, awareness and preparedness can dramatically lessen the impact of unforeseen emergencies while helping families and businesses recover more quickly from severe weather events,

Now, Therefore, We, John C. Carney, Governor, and Bethany A. Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor, do hereby declare November 27th – December 1st, 2023

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in the State of Delaware and urge all citizens and visitors to increase their awareness of the many hazards posed by winter weather, and to take precautions and implement measures to protect their families, home and businesses from the damages that can be caused by them.

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Bethany A. Hall-Long
Lieutenant Governor

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