

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
FEBRUARY 3 - 7, 2014**

- 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:** Urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and
- WHEREAS:** In 2013 severe weather events in Georgia included tornados in the Northwest and Central parts of the state and flooding in Northwest Georgia; and
- WHEREAS:** Severe weather events in Georgia have killed at least 356 people since 1978, including four in 2013, 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; 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 3 - 7, 2014, 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 3 rd	Family Preparedness Day
February 4 th	Thunderstorm Safety
February 5 th	Tornado Safety (Statewide Drill)
February 6 th	Lightning Safety
February 7 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 4th day of February in the year two thousand fourteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman