

WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
2003
BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, severe winter storms, such as snow, sleet or ice, can be costly and threaten the safety of the residents of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, many injuries and deaths occur during winter storms such as traffic or marine accidents, heart attacks from shoveling snow, hypothermia or carbon monoxide poisoning; and

WHEREAS, citizens should take the proper steps now to be prepared and to prevent injuries; and

WHEREAS, citizens should take inventory of the contents of their emergency supply kit, making sure it contains enough food, water and medicine to last at least three days; and

WHEREAS, the State Highway Patrol recommends that citizens do not travel in bad weather – especially on icy roads - unless it is an emergency; and

WHEREAS, citizens who have no electricity should use caution when using alternate heat sources such as wood stoves or space heaters in their homes, and NEVER use charcoal grills or gas generators indoors because of the deadly carbon monoxide fumes they emit; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety and the National Weather Service work together to give the public the most accurate information to keep citizens safe; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the week of Dec. 1-7, 2003, as “**Winter Weather Awareness Week**” in North Carolina, and call upon our citizens and interested groups to observe the week with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of winter weather and how to stay safe.

Michael F. Easley

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND AFFIXED THE Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this XXXX day of November in the year of our Lord two thousand and three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.