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The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Little Rock Announces Arkansas' Severe Weather Awareness Week

[LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, February 20, 2024] - The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Little Rock is pleased to announce that the week of February 25th - March 2nd has been designated as Arkansas' Severe Weather Awareness Week. This annual event is aimed at increasing public awareness about the dangers of severe weather and encouraging people to take steps to protect themselves and their property.

During the week-long event, the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Little Rock will be covering various aspects of thunderstorm hazards that can cause property damage or place people in danger. Each day will focus on a different topic, including:

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	WHOM THESE PRESENTS COME - GREETINGS:
	Severe Weather Awareness Week creates an important opportunity for every resident of Arkansas to prepare their homes, places of business, and communities for severe weather;
WHEREAS:	Investing in our own preparedness, and that of our families, businesses, and hometowns, can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation;
WHEREAS:	The National Weather Service and the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management, along with other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for severe weather and to educate individuals on how to take action;
WHEREAS:	Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every Arkansas citizen, and all Arkansans are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together as a team to ensure that individuals, families and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of every type; and
WHEREAS:	All citizens of Arkansas are encouraged to participate in Severe Weather Awareness Week activities and are asked to visit the Little Rock National Weather website at www.weather.gov/LZK or the Arkansas Division of Emergency Management vebsite at www.dps.arkansas.gov/emergency management/adem/ to become more prepared.
Arkansas, by	EFORE, I, SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS, Governor of the State of virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Arkansas, sclaim February 25th - March 2nd, 2024, as
	SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK IN ARKANSAS"
IN TESTIMO of the State of 2024,	NY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Sea Arkanses to be affixed this 7th day of Fobruary, in the year of our Lord
John	Sarah Huckabee Sanders, Governor
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Sunday, February 25, 2024: Introduction to Severe Weather Awareness Week Monday, February 26, 2024: Flooding Tuesday, February 27, 2024: Lightning Wednesday, February 28, 2024: Tornadoes Thursday, February 29, 2024: Severe Thunderstorms Friday, March 1, 2024: Watches and Warnings Saturday, March 2, 2024: Storm Reports

"We are excited to bring back Arkansas' Severe Weather Awareness Week for the 2024 season," said Dennis Cavanaugh, Warning Coordination Meteorologist from the National Weather Service Office in Little Rock. "Our goal is to educate and inform the public about the dangers of severe weather and to encourage them to take the necessary steps to prepare and protect themselves and their property as severe weather approaches."

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Little Rock will be providing daily updates and tips on their website and social media channels throughout the week.

For more information on Arkansas' Severe Weather Awareness Week and how to prepare for severe weather, please visit the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Little Rock website at **www.weather.gov/LZK** or follow them on social media **@NWSLittleRock** on Facebook and Twitter,

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