

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

WHEREAS, winter is a time of unparalleled beauty in New York State, one in which the entire landscape of the Empire State is majestically transformed, from the shores of the Great Lakes and Long Island to the glistening, snow-capped peaks of the Adirondacks and Catskills; offering our citizens a bounty of recreational and cultural pursuits; and

WHEREAS, while New Yorkers pursue a wide range of cultural and recreational activities throughout this time of year, they also know that this season can also bring severe weather conditions, snow and ice storms and nor'easters which can disrupt our daily patterns of life, sometimes at a moment's notice; and

WHEREAS, past winters' storms may only be a distant memory, but still serve as stark reminders as to how unforgiving this season can be; yet there are some simple, common-sense measures that we can take now to protect ourselves and our loved ones from the rigors and furies of the winter season; and

WHEREAS, New Yorkers everywhere are encouraged to perform a safety check in their homes, including the inspecting and cleaning of furnaces, woodstoves and chimneys, and the installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; citizens are also reminded to "winterize" their vehicles and to change their mindset to prepare for often perilous driving conditions to ensure their safety on roadways in the months ahead; and

WHEREAS, as the agencies of the New York State Disaster Preparedness Commission continue working in partnership with local and federal governments, the National Weather Service, the private sector and voluntary organizations to provide the best level of preparedness and assistance for all hazards; citizens are urged to take some personal responsibility and use existing resources and programs to ensure the safety of themselves and their loved ones so they can enjoy winter in the Empire State in greater comfort and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George E. Pataki, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 29-November 4, 2006, as

WINTER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

in the Empire State.

S / George E. Pataki
Governor