

Proclamation



FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

JUNE 3 – 9, 2023

WHEREAS, flooding remains the most significant and recurring natural disaster affecting households and businesses across the nation annually; and

WHEREAS, scientific studies and the Climate Ready DC Plan indicate that the impact and frequency of flooding are anticipated to rise due to the effects of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, we are dedicated to educating all Washingtonians about the importance of flood preparedness, fostering resilient infrastructure designs, and promoting emergency readiness, while also recognizing vulnerability to flooding and the need to adopt measures to minimize future flood-related damages; and

WHEREAS, the District Government has established various teams comprised of multiple agencies collaborating to mitigate flood risks, including the DC Silver Jackets and the DC Flood Task Force, dedicated to safeguarding the well-being of the local community and the District's economy against the detrimental consequences of floods; and

WHEREAS, communities in the District that encounter the highest exposure to flood risks often consist of residents who already face numerous burdens, thus necessitating a focused approach that considers equity and environmental justice when addressing floodplain management; and

WHEREAS, Flood Awareness Week serves as an occasion to proactively promote preparedness and foster constructive dialogue throughout the District, by engaging residents, stakeholders, local and state partners, as well as federal, state, and local agencies, including the DC Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency, Department of Energy and Environment, Department of Insurance, Securities and Banking, and DC Water:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim the week of June 3–9, 2023 in Washington, DC as **“FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK”** and do commend this observance to all Washingtonians.

