

# Proclamation



## FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

JUNE 21 - 24, 2022

**WHEREAS**, throughout the United States, floods are the most frequent natural disaster, impacting households and businesses every year; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Climate Ready DC Plan, due to global climate change, the intensity and frequency of flooding is projected to increase; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Energy and Environment is committed to educating Washingtonians on the benefits of flood insurance, flood resilient design, and emergency preparedness, while also encouraging residents to become aware of flood risk and to take steps to mitigate the worst impacts of future flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, the District Government has designated teams to address flooding, including the Silver Jackets team—and interagency team which leverages resources to reduce flood risk, and the District’s Flood Task Force, which works to equitably protect Washingtonians and the District economy from the damage that floods pose; and

**WHEREAS**, areas throughout the District facing the highest risk of floods are home to already overburdened residents, and as such, require focused attention with a lens of equity and environmental justice when approaching floodplain management; and

**WHEREAS**, Flood Awareness Week serves as an opportunity to facilitate proactive preparedness and to engage in productive conversations across the District, among residents, stakeholders, local and state partners, and federal, state, and local agencies:

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC**, do hereby proclaim June 21 - 24, 2022 in Washington, DC as **“FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK”** and do commend this observance to all Washingtonians.

A handwritten signature of Muriel Bowser in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

