

# Proclamation



## FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK

JUNE 21 - 25, 2021

WHEREAS, floods are the most frequent natural disaster in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the District's future flood risk will increase as a result of rising sea levels and increases in precipitation and extreme weather as projected by the Climate Ready DC Plan; and

WHEREAS, only 17 percent of District households who live in a Special Flood Hazard Area have flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program; and

WHEREAS, more than 2,800 structures in the District are located in areas that are vulnerable to flooding; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to strengthening equity and environmental justice outcomes of floodplain management in the District, as well as prioritizing flood risk reduction projects in underserved areas; and

WHEREAS, Flood Awareness Week supports events across the District, working with federal, state, and local agencies to inform Washingtonians about flood risk and flood preparedness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON, DC, do hereby proclaim June 21 - 25, 2021 in Washington, DC as "FLOOD AWARENESS WEEK" and do commend this observance to all Washingtonians.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.