State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DAY

2014

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, four minor earthquakes occurred in North Carolina between February and August 2014; and

WHEREAS, moderately damaging earthquakes strike the inland Carolinas every few decades, and smaller earthquakes can be typically felt about three times each year in various parts of the state; and

WHEREAS, earthquakes in other states along the eastern seaboard of the United States could potentially send shockwaves that reach North Carolina, as happened in the 2011 Virginia Earthquake that registered 5.8 on the Moment Magnitude Scale; and

WHEREAS, it only takes a few minutes to rehearse what to do if an earthquake strikes; and

WHEREAS, in the event of an earthquake, citizens should drop, cover and hold; and

WHEREAS, ground shaking from earthquakes typically lasts only a minute or two, but aftershocks can continue for several days or even weeks; and

WHEREAS, successful emergency response following an earthquake depends on the preparedness of individuals, families, schools, businesses, government and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, www.ReadyNC.org and its mobile application are available to help residents with their emergency preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, the public may learn how to protect themselves and their property through structural modifications and other useful information found on the website www.ShakeOut.org/southeast; and

WHEREAS, by participating in the third annual Great SouthEast ShakeOut on October 16, North Carolina will strengthen community, regional and state resiliency after an earthquake;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2014, as **"EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS DAY"** in North Carolina, and commend its observance to all citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this tenth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

Pat McCrory

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Governor