



State of North Carolina

PAT McCRORY
GOVERNOR

RIP CURRENT PREPAREDNESS WEEK

2015

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Weather Service offices in coastal North Carolina have recorded one fatality in North Carolina due to rip currents along our coast so far in 2015, and a total of at least 58 deaths since 2000; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Lifesaving Association reports 80 percent of all ocean rescues are related to rip currents; and

WHEREAS, millions of North Carolina citizens and visitors enjoy the ocean beaches each season, and inexperienced swimmers on unguarded beaches need to be especially aware of the hazard of rip currents; and

WHEREAS, people are more likely to protect themselves when they know what to do when they are affected by rip currents; and

WHEREAS, local lifeguards, the National Weather Service, North Carolina Sea Grant and North Carolina beach communities partner together to promote rip current safety through signs and other educational materials and programs, along with rip current forecasts, research and the online portal: ripcurrents.noaa.gov;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAT McCRORY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 7-13, 2015 as "**RIP CURRENT PREPAREDNESS WEEK**" 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 twentieth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-ninth.




PAT McCRORY
Governor