

City of Colquitt and Miller County Georgia

JOINT PROCLAMATION

SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK 2009

WHEREAS: Each year Georgians face the threat of severe weather events such as lightning, thunderstorms, floods, flash floods, hailstorms, tornadoes and hurricanes, all potentially dangerous to life, health and property; and

WHEREAS: Urbanization and continued population growth increase the potential for these storms to cause death and destruction; and

WHEREAS: During the past 31 years, severe weather events caused the deaths of at least 308 people in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: Numerous weather-related injuries and substantial property damage occurred in Georgia in 2008; and

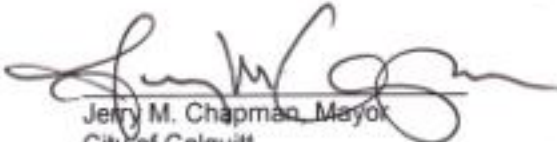
WHEREAS: It is vital that effective public education programs concerning severe weather systems and preparedness procedures continue for the benefit of all Georgians; and

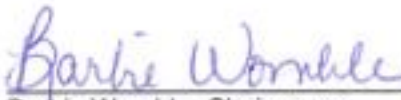
WHEREAS: Departments and agencies of the local, state and federal governments, along with volunteer and professional associations, elected leaders and news media, are committed to informing Georgia citizens about safety and severe weather preparedness procedures so that they may better protect themselves, their families and their neighbors; and

WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is launching *Ready Georgia*, a public awareness campaign to help Georgia's citizens understand the importance of emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to be prepared in the event of a weather-related or other emergency; now

THEREFORE: We, Jerry Chapman- Mayor- City of Colquitt and Barbie Womble- Chairperson- Miller County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the week of February 1-7, 2009, as "SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK" in Colquitt and Miller County, and encourage our citizens to become more aware of severe weather safety measures and to participate in the various awareness programs scheduled during the week:

In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seal of Colquitt and Miller County to be affixed this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand nine.


Jerry M. Chapman, Mayor
City of Colquitt


Barbie Womble- Chairperson
Miller Co. Bd. of Commissioners


Attest: Keshia Lavelle-City Clerk


Attest: Mary Webb- County Clerk