

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS,** As anyone caught in a Texas downpour or cold front can tell you, the weather in the Lone Star State can change in an instant; these changes can be unpredictable and intense, and severe weather can strike anywhere, at any time and with little or no warning; over the years, storms have posed a significant threat to Texans' lives and properties; and, as a result, we must be ever-vigilant in the face of severe weather; and

**WHEREAS,** While dangerous storms can strike at any time of the year, the months of March, April and May bring a greater potential for violent weather events, including damaging thunderstorms, hail storms, straight-line winds, tornadoes and flooding; it is vital that all Texans be aware of the dangers they present; and

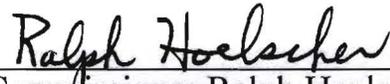
**WHEREAS,** Planning and preparation can greatly reduce loss of life and property when disasters strike; Texans should be familiar with the difference between severe weather watches and warnings, designate a safe place for family members to meet in case of evacuation, develop a plan to communicate with relatives and friends in other areas, and put together a "preparedness kit" of important supplies; and most importantly, Texans should heed warnings, information and instructions provided by local officials and emergency management personnel.

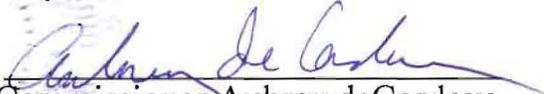
**NOW, THEREFORE,** We, the Commissioners Court of Tom Green County do hereby proclaim the week of March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as

***“Severe Weather Awareness Week”***

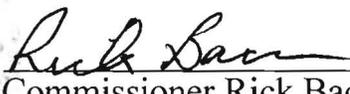
In Tom Green County, Texas, and at this time, we encourage all citizens to remain mindful of the dangers presented by severe storms, stay informed of current conditions and take precautions to prevent loss of life and property. Together, we can work toward a brighter future for our great county.

  
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Judge Stephen C. Floyd

  
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