

## SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** severe weather awareness week is February 24 – March 1, 2008; and

**WHEREAS,** each year brings the potential for violent weather to Texas; and

**WHEREAS,** large portions of our State, including Austin County, can be devastated by flooding and tornadoes, hail, windstorms and other emergencies; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governor of the State of Texas, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, the National Weather Service, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have joined together in urging all citizens to prepare for severe weather events and to educate themselves on safety strategies; and

**WHEREAS,** Governor Rick Perry has declared the week of February 24 – March 1 2008, as

### Severe Weather Awareness Week in Texas

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that Austin County Commissioners Court urges everyone in our community to learn and to participate in severe weather preparedness activities available through Austin County.

Signed this 11th day of February 2008 in Austin County, Texas by:



Carolyn Bilski  
County Judge

David Ottmer  
Commissioner, Precinct 1

Randy Reichardt  
Commissioner, Precinct 3



Robert W. Rinn  
Commissioner, Precinct 2

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Commissioner, Precinct 4

When a tornado threatens, your immediate action can save your life!

**STAY AWAY FROM WINDOWS,  
DOORS, AND OUTSIDE WALLS.  
PROTECT YOUR HEAD.**

- In homes and small buildings, go to the basement or to an interior part on the lowest level – closets, bathrooms, or interior halls. Get under something sturdy.
- In schools, nursing homes, hospitals, factories, and shopping centers, go to pre-designated shelter areas. Interior hallways on the lowest floor are usually best.
- In high-rise buildings, go to interior small rooms or hallways.
- In vehicles or mobile homes, leave them and go to a substantial structure. If there is no shelter nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch, ravine, or culvert with your hands shielding your head.

**TORNADO WATCH:**  
**Tornadoes and severe thunderstorms are possible.**  
**TORNADO WARNING.**  
**Tornado detected; take shelter immediately.**

**LISTEN TO RADIO OR TELEVISION  
FOR LATEST NATIONAL WEATHER  
SERVICE BULLETINS.**