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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Cmr George P. Bush Urges Texans to Monitor Warnings, Prepare for Severe Weather**

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AUSTIN — Today Land Commissioner George P. Bush urged Texans to take heed of severe weather warnings, know their risk and be prepared. The Texas General Land Office (GLO) is continuing to monitor several potential weather formations threatening the U.S., including a tropical disturbance over the Gulf of Mexico with a 70 percent chance of cyclone formation in the next 48 hours. The National Hurricane Center predicts heavy rainfall and gusty winds across Texas on Thursday and Friday.

"Signing up for alerts, being prepared and remaining vigilant is critical for Texans' safety as natural disasters face our great state," Commissioner Bush said. "While no one can control the weather, everyone can take steps to know their risk, plan for emergencies, heed warnings from local officials and protect their families. It's never too early to begin preparation, and I urge all Texans to remain vigilant as storms approach the coast."

**Be Prepared, Stay Prepared:**

- Know Your Risk - Sign up for your [community's emergency warning system](#). The Emergency Alert System (EAS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio also provide emergency alerts.
- Gather Supplies - Keep in mind each person's needs, gathering supplies for at least three days. Stock up on items such as food and water, non-perishable foods, first-aid supplies, prescriptions, pet supplies, flashlights and batteries. Don't forget to charge electronics you may need.
- Remember to secure copies of important personal documents. Filing for government assistance requires documentation. Be sure to keep documents in a secure location and take them with you if you need to evacuate.
- Make Your Evacuation Plan - Be familiar with the route and shelter locations.
- Protect Your Property - Shutter your home as needed, review your flood insurance policy (or sign up for one) and declutter drains and gutters. Most homeowner and renter insurance policies do not cover flood damage. A flood insurance policy generally does not take effect until 30 days after purchase, so be sure to maintain your policy.

Find more information at [Ready.gov/hurricanes](https://www.ready.gov/hurricanes).

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