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Media Release

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (NDEM) and the National Weather Service (NWS) Declare April as Severe Weather Awareness Month in Nevada

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (NDEM) and the National Weather Service (NWS) have declared the month of April as Severe Weather Awareness Month for Nevada. The month of April will be dedicated to remind Nevadans that severe weather is part of living in our state and that understanding the risks and how to respond to them can save lives.

During Severe Weather Awareness Month, the NDEM and the NWS will dedicate each week to one of the top threats to our state and will be disseminating informative messages on social media platforms, websites and press releases. The highlight of the month will be the first annual NevadaAthon on April 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the State Emergency Operations Center. The NevadaAthon is a spinoff of FEMA's National PrepareAthon campaign to increase community preparedness and resilience.

Each week will focus on the actions necessary to prepare for a specific hazard.

- Week One: Flood
- Week Two: Earthquake
- Week Three: Drought
- Week Four: Wildfire
- Week Five: Thursday, April 30, 2015 with the first annual NevadaAthon.

What: NevadaAthon

When: Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. -11:30a.m.

Where: State Emergency Operations Center
Nevada Division of Emergency Management
2478 Fairview Drive, Carson City, NV 89701

Details: The event will consist of a panel discussion between five subject matter experts to provide an overview of the top hazards in Nevada. Each speaker will speak for 10 minutes about their assigned hazard. The panel will field questions from the audience and social media platforms at the conclusion of the presentations. NDEM Staff will film the discussion and the edited video will be disseminated to all participants.

Our goal is to join efforts with local, regional and federal agencies to increase the number of individuals who:

- Understand which disasters could happen in their community
- Know what to do to be safe and mitigate damage
- Take action to increase their preparedness
- Participate in community resilience planning

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