



# PROCLAMATION

## February 5 - 9, 2024

### Severe Weather Awareness Week

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Longboat Key has experienced severe weather in the past decades, primarily during tropical storm and hurricane season; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week is observed each year by the National Weather Service and Florida Division of Emergency Management to increase awareness of and preparedness for severe weather hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, public education and awareness of potential weather hazards and methods of protection is critical to the health, safety, and welfare of our residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week focuses on common natural hazards occurring in Florida including thunderstorms, lightning, marine hazards, rip currents, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, extreme temperature, and wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Weather Service, Florida has the highest occurrence of thunderstorms in the United States and the most hurricane impacts of any state in the nation, and it is important for all households to have an emergency kit and communications plan when these storms occur; and

**WHEREAS**, lightning is one of nature's deadliest and most unpredictable weather phenomena, and all thunderstorms that contain lightning can abruptly cause harm to people or property; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida's residents and visitors must be aware of and prepared for several year-round threats such as flooding, thunderstorms, and rip currents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town encourages residents to visit the Sarasota or Manatee County Emergency Management websites for evacuation routes, shelter locations, and important information to create disaster plans for their households; and

**WHEREAS**, in coordination with the National Weather Service and the Florida Division of Emergency Management, the Town of Longboat Key will promote awareness on weather risks during this Severe Weather Awareness Week.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Town Commission hereby proclaims February 5-9, 2024, as:

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Kenneth Schneier, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Trish Shinkle, Town Clerk

**End of Agenda Item**