



## **StormReady Designation September 2024**

**WHEREAS**, being a Weather Ready Nation Ambassador is about preparing for the vulnerability to extreme weather and water events for the Schertz community. Americans live in the most severe weather-prone country on Earth. Schertz has made sure our community is StormReady. 98 percent of all Presidentially declared disasters are weather related, leading to around 500 deaths per year and nearly \$15 billion in damage nationwide. The StormReady program helps arm America's communities with the communication and safety skills needed to save lives and protect property before, during, and after the event. StormReady helps community leaders and emergency managers strengthen local safety programs; and

**WHEREAS**, StormReady communities, counties, Indian nations, universities and colleges, military bases, government sites, commercial enterprises and other groups are better prepared to save lives from severe weather through advanced planning, education and awareness; and

**WHEREAS**, StormReady uses a grassroots approach to help communities develop plans to handle all types of extreme weather. The program encourages communities to take a new, proactive approach to improving local hazardous weather operations by providing emergency managers with clear-cut guidelines on how to improve their hazardous weather operations; and

**WHEREAS**, our community has an established 24-hour warning point and emergency operations center providing more than one way to receive and communicate severe weather warnings, forecasts, and alerts to the public. Additionally, our community utilizes Civic Ready that monitors weather conditions locally while utilizing multiple forms of media to distribute and promote the importance of public readiness; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Schertz Office of Emergency Management encourages all community members to create a hazardous weather plan, participate in severe weather spotter training, build a kit, and get involved in preparedness initiatives and activities; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor of Schertz do hereby proclaim that the City of Schertz, Texas has been designated by the National Weather Service as

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and encourage all residents, visitors, businesses, organizations, and families to develop their own emergency plans and work together toward creating a more prepared and resilient community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal  
of the City of Schertz to be affixed on this  
September 3, 2024.

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Ralph Gutierrez, Mayor