## PROCLAMATION Village of Wheeling

## Severe Weather Preparedness Week February 28 - March 5, 2011

WHEREAS, wherever and whenever severe weather strikes, preparedness and awareness are key to protecting residents throughout Wheeling; and

WHEREAS, the spring and summer months are especially prone to conditions that create severe weather such as thunderstorms, lightning strikes, floods, and tornadoes, and for these reasons, the American Red Cross and the National Weather Service launch an annual awareness campaign at the start of spring; and

WHEREAS, during this effort, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency works to inform the public about necessary steps one should take to be prepared for severe weather, including the creation of an emergency action plan; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency dutifully has sought to inform and educate residents that a proper emergency action plan includes staying alert during severe weather conditions, having a designated safe areas in homes and businesses, maintaining a reliable method of obtaining official news and information by radio, television, or NOAA All Hazards Radio, and knowing how and when to turn off utilities in homes;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Judy Abruscato, President of the Village of Wheeling, do hereby do hereby proclaim February 28 through March 5, 2011 as Severe Weather Awareness Week throughout Wheeling; and further urge all the people of Wheeling to learn more about and to participate in severe weather preparedness activities available in the area.

DATED at the Village of Wheeling this 28th day of February, 2011.



Judy Abruscato, Village President

Elaine E. Simpson, Village Clerk