

HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL

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Houston-Galveston area program, Together Against the Weather, aims to protect vulnerable populations this hurricane season

Houston, TX – The summer months mark the beginning of hurricane season in the 13-county Houston-Galveston region. To help individuals with access and functional needs better prepare in the event of a weather emergency, the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) relaunched the <u>Together Against the Weather</u> program.

Together Against the Weather provides vital resources, such as evacuation maps and plans, contact information for offices of emergency management, and other information needed during an emergency.

"The goal of Together Against the Weather is to utilize our existing relationships within the local communities to help people in need overcome the overwhelming feelings associated with hurricane preparation," H-GAC Director of Communications, Meagan Coughlin, said.

"In addition to our Together Against the Weather campaign, we are educating the coastal areas about the hurricane evacuation zip zone maps. These maps outline which coastal zip codes will be evacuated and in which sequence," she added.

Visit TogetherAgainstTheWeather.com for checklists, helpful videos, flyers and more.

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About the Houston-Galveston Area Council

H-GAC is s a voluntary association of local governments and local elected officials from the 13-county Gulf Coast planning region, which includes an area of 12,500 square miles and more than 7 million people. H-GAC works to promote efficient and accountable use of local, state, and federal tax dollars; serves as a problem-solving and information forum for local governments, and helps analyze trends and conditions affecting the region. For more information, visit <u>h-gac.com</u>.