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Press Release

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Camden County is Designated as a *StormReady* Community

Woodbine, Ga. (July 27, 2010) – Since the completion of the Robert D. Mumford, Jr. Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in 2009, local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) and Public Safety officials have been proactive in ensuring that Camden County has an action plan that responds to the threat of all types of severe weather – from tornadoes to hurricanes. Officials have established multiple means of receiving and disseminating severe weather information to the citizens. Each weather warning system that the EOC establishes is yet another layer of necessary redundancy to ensuring that we can quickly and effectively communicate severe weather warnings. Steve Howard reveals, “I am pleased to announce that as of July 2010 Camden County is now designated by NOAA’s National Weather Service as a *StormReady* Community because of these efforts!”

Due to the size of Camden County, four (4) layers of communication redundancy were established in order to receive this designation. Camden County’s EMA also ensured that critical facilities, such as the 911 Center and the EOC, had the necessary equipment and procedures in place to meet or exceed the requirements by NOAA’s National Weather Service to be a *StormReady* Community. An advisory board, comprised of National Weather Service warning coordination meteorologists, and state and local emergency managers, reviewed Camden County’s application and visited our locations to verify the steps made in the process to become *StormReady*. On July 15, 2010, at the Area 5 monthly Emergency Management Association Group meeting, Al Sandrik of the National Weather Service Office in Jacksonville presented Camden County with a

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certificate and two (2) Department of Transportation approved “StormReady County” signs that will be posted alongside the highway.

For more information about the StormReady program, please visit the NOAA's National Weather Service StormReady Web site: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/stormready>.



Pictured from left: Steve L. Howard, County Administrator; Chair David L. Rainer, BOCC; Vice Chair Katherine Nisi Zell, BOCC; and Mark Crews, Director of EMA

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