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Prepare for Hurricane Season, Possibility of Guillermo Affecting Islands

HONOLULU — Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (formerly State Civil Defense) continues to work with emergency management and civil defense partners to monitor Hurricane Guillermo, which was 1425 miles east-southeast of Hilo at 11 a.m. today.

“The National Weather Service has advised us that the uncertainty in Guillermo’s projected track is high,” said Doug Mayne, Administrator of Emergency Management. “Severe weather associated with Guillermo is not expected this weekend. This provides the perfect opportunity for Hawaii residents to continue their emergency preparations for hurricane season.”

The 2015 Central Pacific Hurricane Season continues to be active. Hawaii Emergency Management Agency recommends residents and visitors take the following actions to prepare for any possible hurricane or tropical cyclone:

- Talk with family members about what you plan to do if a hurricane or tropical storm threatens. Make an action plan that includes details such as whether or not your family plans to evacuate.
- Download the Ready Hawaii app from the iTunes or Google Play! store. This app can aid in your emergency planning and will list shelters if they are opened for evacuation.
- Walk your property and check for potential flood threats. If time and conditions permit, clear your gutters and other drainage systems.
- Identify small outdoor items that could be picked up by high winds. Make a plan to bring these items indoors if a hurricane/tropical storm watch or warning is issued.
- Prepare your pets by checking or purchasing a carrier and other preparedness items. A pet carrier is necessary for your pet’s safety if you plan to evacuate to a pet-friendly shelter. Don’t forget seven days of food and water for your furry family members.
- Set aside an emergency supply of any needed medication and keep a copy of your prescriptions in case you run out of medication after a disaster.
- Visitors should download and read the Hawaii Tourism Authority’s Travel Safety Brochure at <http://www.travelsmarthawaii.com>.

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