



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing September 2025 as
Preparedness Month**

WHEREAS, the Wake County Board of Commissioners recognizes that Wake County is at risk for a multitude of hazards, including severe weather, biological events, hazardous materials incidents, nuclear emergencies, civil unrest, and other manmade or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Weather Service, thus far in 2025, Wake County has experienced 11 Heat Advisories, 2 Extreme Heat warnings, 7 Flood Watches, 30 Flood Advisories, 10 Flash Flood warnings, 7 Severe Thunderstorm Watches, 61 Severe Thunderstorm warnings, 5 Tornado watches, 1 Tornado Warning, 3 Wind Advisories, 1 Frost Advisory and 1 Freeze warning; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene, Tropical Storm Chantal, and Hurricane Erin have demonstrated North Carolina's continued vulnerability to severe weather; and

WHEREAS, communities across Wake County have borne the impacts of severe weather, damaging hail, high winds and flooding; and

WHEREAS, communities across Wake County have experienced civil unrest, nuclear emergency declarations, significant hazmat incidents; and

WHEREAS, every community, business, family, and individual in Wake County are encouraged to be ready for natural and man-made disasters, including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, terrorism and other emergency situations that might disrupt normal daily activities; and

WHEREAS, all Wake County residents can take steps such as - making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit, and staying informed - to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority; and

WHEREAS, Wake County residents should know and understand the risks for their area and plan accordingly; and

WHEREAS, Wake County recommends residents include the safety of their pets and/or livestock in their emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, September is recognized as National Preparedness Month to encourage North Carolinians and Wake County residents to be disaster ready;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wake County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2025, as **PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Wake County, and urges the residents of our community to plan and prepared for weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits and updating their emergency plans.

ADOPTED this the 2nd day of September 2025.

Susan P. Evans, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners