



**WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROCLAMATION
Recognizing September 2022 as
Preparedness Month**

WHEREAS, Wake County is at risk for a multitude of hazards including severe weather, terrorism, biological events, hazardous materials incidents, nuclear emergencies, civil unrest, and other man-made or natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, thus far in 2022 Wake County has experienced 18 Flash Flood Warnings, 54 Flood Advisories, 88 Severe Thunderstorm Warnings, 6 Tornado Warnings, and 25 Extreme Heat Warnings; and

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

WHEREAS, political division has increased the risk of domestic terrorism and civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, every community, business, family, and individual in Wake County is encouraged to be ready for natural and man-made disasters including terrorism, tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, 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, FEMA and the Office of the President of the United States recognize September 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 2022, as “**PREPAREDNESS MONTH**” in Wake County, and encourages all county residents to plan and prepare for weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits and updating their emergency plans.

ADOPTED this the 6th day of September 2022.

Sig Hutchinson, Chair
Wake County Board of Commissioners