

Item Title: Proclamation Recognizing National Preparedness Month

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners joins others by proclaiming September as National Preparedness month in Wake County.

Item Summary:

Annually, September is recognized as National Preparedness Month. This year, each week of the month will have a different theme and resources will be made available on the Wake County website and via social media to support each theme.

- The first week's theme will surround creating and communicating the development of your emergency plan with friends and family.
- The second week will focus on multi-generational preparedness. This includes planning what to do if children are at school, spouses are traveling or at work and if you have to care for older adults. It also includes developing plans on how to reunite families after an emergency.
- Week three will encourage people to understand the importance of community preparedness and encourages getting involved with a community organization.
- Week four will focus on individual preparedness which is the minimal level of preparedness anyone should do. The first step is to be aware of the hazards in your community. Individuals should also understand what actions they can take to be prepared, what specific needs they may have like medications, power needs for medical equipment, pet needs and transportation needs for example.
- This all leads up the last week and a National Day of Action. September 30th is National PrepareAthon Day. This week is the time to take action and share your knowledge. The plans that were developed during the month can be put into action; you can share your story with others and encourage others to get prepared.

Other elected officials such as the Governor and President are signing proclamations proclaiming September as National Preparedness Month to raise awareness among citizens on how to better prepare themselves for all types of emergencies.

Attachments:

1. Proclamation