

Proclamation No. CP14-0331 Recognizing PrepareAthon! and National Day of Action, April 30, 2014

WHEREAS, America's PrepareAthon! is a new, nation-wide, community-based campaign to increase emergency preparedness across the United State to help ensure that our homes, workplaces, schools, houses of worship and community-based organizations are prepared for disaster, helping to reduce fatalities and economic devastation following a major crises; and

WHEREAS, starting on April 30, 2014, two National Days of Action will be held each year on which people are encouraged to participate in drills, exercises, and discussions to increase their own personal preparedness and to build community resilience; and

WHEREAS, on April 30 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (OEMHS) will host an information booth in the Atrium of the Webb Building, 201 W. Colfax, where representatives from Denver's OEMHS, Fire, Police and Safe City Youth Program and the American Red Cross, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (CELL) will be available to explain how you can be better prepared for natural or manmade disaster; and

WHEREAS, Denver's OEMHS encourages Denver employees, residents, neighborhood associations, and business and community organizations to register at <u>http://www.DenverGov.org/OEM</u> and to sign up for a Denver Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) class or other preparedness class, or just stop by the booth on April 30th to pick up more information on available training and education, and to register that participation at <u>www.ready.gov/prepare</u>; and

WHEREAS, America's PrepareAthon! builds on existing preparedness programs, such as Denver's CERT and READY Colorado, to bring people together to learn how to be prepared.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER THAT:

Section 1. The Council hereby recognizes America's PrepareAthon! And Denver's Day of Action and encourages Denver residents to join millions of Americans in learning and practicing the steps necessary to stay safe before, during and after a disaster.

Section 2. The Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver Office of Emergency Management & Homeland Security.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL April 28, 2014