

Proclamation No. 16-0806 Recognizing September 2016 as National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, every year communities from Denver to across our country face emergencies -- from unforeseen natural disasters to accidents to deliberate acts; and

WHEREAS, we cannot always control how, when, or where they occur but we can prepare practical responses before disasters strike; and

WHEREAS, President Obama has proclaimed September 2016 as National Preparedness Month to emphasize the importance of readying ourselves and our communities to be resilient in the face of any emergency we may encounter; and

WHEREAS, the web link https://www.ready.gov has invaluable information, resources and publications available to the public on emergency planning for known hazards and unforeseen emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Denver's Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security offers free community preparedness trainings on a regular basis to Denver residents, businesses and non-profit organizations to assist in broadening the awareness and preparedness for our community; and

WHEREAS, Denver's Whole Community Preparedness Program includes how to plan for an emergency and basic response skills (visit www.denvergov.org/oem or call 720-865-7600 or email DenverCERT@denvergov.org).

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

Section 1. That the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes September 2016 as National Preparedness Month and encourages all Denver residents and businesses to take advantage of every opportunity to protect yourself and your families during any type of emergency or disaster, by utilizing these resources.

Section 2. That 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 Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 12, 2016

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