

Proclamation No. 17-0994 Recognizing National Preparedness Month, September 2017

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of Denver to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks under the key message "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can."; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, Citizen Corps, and Denver Office of Emergency Management, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to act accordingly; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Denver are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the Ready campaign at <u>https://www.ready.gov/</u> or <u>https://www.listo.gov/es</u> (in Spanish) and become more prepared.

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

Section 1. That the Denver City Council formerly designates September 2017 as National Preparedness Month and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan and work together toward creating a more prepared society.

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

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL September 11, 2017

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PRESIDENT