

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
2 **COUNTY OF FRESNO**
3 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

4 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)**
5 **SEPTEMBER 2019 AS "NATIONAL)**
6 **PREPAREDNESS MONTH**
7 **)**

RESOLUTION NO. 19-350

8 **WHEREAS**, Every year, communities throughout the United States experience
9 emergencies from unforeseen natural disasters to deliberate acts, but unfortunately many of us
10 are not prepared for emergencies that threaten our lives, property and our Nation's security; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) first declared
12 September as "National Preparedness Month" in 2004 as part of their Ready Campaign with the
13 goal to educate and empower Americans to have a plan in place in the event of a crisis; and

14 **WHEREAS**, This year's theme is "Prepared, Not Scared", with a weekly focus on
15 different aspects of preparedness such as financial preparedness, creating a family plan, youth
16 awareness and community involvement; and

17 **WHEREAS**, FEMA's Ready Campaign, Citizen Corps, Fresno County Office of
18 Emergency Services and other federal state, local, private and non-profit agencies are working
19 to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and provide valuable resources; and

20 **WHEREAS**, The American Red Cross, through its strong network of volunteers, donors
21 and partners, is always there in times of need, providing Fresno County residents with care,
22 shelter and hope in times of disaster;

23 **WHEREAS**, The Central California Animal Disaster Team helps our community to be
24 prepared for disasters by working closely with emergency response agencies to ensure families
25 who are evacuated have safe shelters for pets;

26 **WHEREAS**, United Way of Fresno and Madera Counties provides an informational
27 resource through its 2-1-1 helpline that connects people with agencies and organizations in
28 their critical time of need to provide essential services such as emergency shelter and food
services; and; and

WHEREAS, By participating in "National Preparedness Month", the County of Fresno
has the opportunity to join the Nation and State of California in strengthening community and
regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, "National Preparedness Month" is an important reminder and opportunity
for every resident in Fresno County to prepare their homes, businesses and communities for
any type of disaster.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September, 2019 as "National Preparedness Month", and calls upon all residents, families, organizations and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plans, and work together toward creating a resilient community.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 10th day of September, 2019, to-wit:

AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINED: None

Nathan Magsig, Chairman of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Susan Bishop
Deputy

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