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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
4 **COUNTY OF FRESNO**
5 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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8 **IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING)**
9 **SEPTEMBER 2019 AS "NATIONAL)**
10 **PREPAREDNESS MONTH**
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RESOLUTION NO. 19-350

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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46 **WHEREAS,** "National Preparedness Month" is an important reminder and opportunity
47 for every resident in Fresno County to prepare their homes, businesses and communities for
48 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

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Deputy

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