



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, no one can predict when or where the next disaster will occur; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence is vulnerable to natural, technological, and man-made hazards; and

WHEREAS, government agencies and disaster relief organizations cannot bear the sole responsibility to prepare for and respond to disasters; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Independence, and all residents 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, Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency, an organization that works to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies, encourages households to create a family disaster plan during National Preparedness Month to ensure residents are ready for the next emergency or disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Brad Bleichner, Mayor of the City of Independence, do hereby proclaim September 2025 as:

National Preparedness Month

in the City of Independence and urge all residents to become better prepared in the event of a disaster.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the City of Independence on this 8th day of September, 2025.

Brad Bleichner, Mayor, City of Independence, Iowa

