



PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security has designated September as National Preparedness Month across America; and

WHEREAS, National Emergency Preparedness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage all Americans to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it is an opportunity to honor first responder, such as emergency medical personnel, firefighters, and law enforcement officers, who put themselves at risk to protect others and exemplify the compassion and commitment that strengthen our country; and

WHEREAS, in the event of natural disasters, large-scale emergencies or terrorist attacks, America's first line of defense is provided by first responders who, when properly trained and equipped, have the greatest potential to save lives and limit casualties; and

WHEREAS, Fresno County's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan and the City of Kerman's Emergency Operation Plan recognize hazards that can be mitigated through risk reduction measures; and

WHEREAS, National Emergency Preparedness Month also focuses on family emergency preparedness and encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kerman encourages citizens to make plans with and for their family members on how to respond to disasters, including where to meet if separated; and

WHEREAS, The City of Kerman risk assessments include events that could disrupt life-supporting services, and citizens are encouraged to develop Go-Kits with supplies to support each family member and pets for 72 hours;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the City Council of the City of Kerman, hereby proclaims September as National Emergency Preparedness Month and encourages all citizens and organizations to take action to become prepared for any disaster or emergency.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Kerman to be affixed on this 10th day of September 2025.

Maria Pacheco
Mayor