



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6752  
September 2, 2025  
Consent Agenda

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6752 National Preparedness Month Proclamation, No. 368	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Proclamation No. 368 proclaiming September 2025 National Preparedness Month in Mercer Island.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Police
<b>STAFF:</b>	Michelle Bennett, Interim Police Chief Amanda Keverkamp, Emergency Manager
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 368
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

September is National Preparedness Month. Recognizing the importance of emergency preparedness each September helps remind the Mercer Island community to prepare for disasters, not just in September, but throughout the entire year.

### BACKGROUND

It is not a question of if, but when, a disaster will happen. Mercer Island faces similar hazards as neighboring jurisdictions; however, response and recovery are more complex due to challenges unique to island-life.

The mission of Mercer Island's emergency preparedness program is to prepare all Islanders to be self-sufficient for 7- to 14-days following a major disaster, when public safety and emergency medical services are most overwhelmed. All Islanders includes residents, businesses, schools, the faith community, and City staff.

### ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Mercer Island is susceptible to several hazards including wind and winter storms, power outages, earthquakes, extreme heat, landslides, and more. Mercer Island Emergency Management works with Island organizations and neighborhood groups to help the entire community prepare for disasters.

During National Preparedness Month, Mercer Island Emergency Management reminds the community to take steps now to ensure that they, their family, and their neighborhood are ready for disasters. All Islanders should:

- **Assess your unique needs.** Each person, household, neighborhood, and business have unique needs that are different from others. Identify those needs to be incorporated into your plan. Unique needs could include medical needs, mobility challenges, infants or children, pets, or transportation.
- **Understand the hazards.** Understand the hazards Mercer Island and the Puget Sound may be vulnerable to by visiting [www.mercerisland.gov/emergencyprep](http://www.mercerisland.gov/emergencyprep).
- **Create a plan.** Build a plan for your family. Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/familyemergencyplan](http://www.mercerisland.gov/familyemergencyplan) to get started. The Family Emergency Plan booklet is also available in these languages:
  - [Chinese](#)
  - [Japanese](#)
  - [Korean](#)
  - [Vietnamese](#)
  - [Spanish](#)
  - [Russian](#)
- **Sign up for emergency alerts.** Receive firsthand emergency communication from Mercer Island or King County during a disaster by signing up for [ALERT King County](#). Islanders can sign up to receive alerts in one of over 20 languages including:
  - Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Hindi
  - Thai
- **Build a kit.** Gather supplies that will last for 7-14 days after a disaster strikes. See this [example list](#) for a family of four for seven days.
- **Practice your plan.** Creating a plan is the first step. Making sure the entire household understands the plan is the next step. Schedule a family meeting to talk through your emergency plan each year.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Proclamation No. 368 proclaiming September 2025 National Preparedness Month in Mercer Island.