



# City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, emergencies both natural and manmade can occur on Mercer Island and throughout the Puget Sound at any time.

The City of Mercer Island works in close coordination with residents, neighborhood groups, and businesses to prepare for disasters throughout the year. The key steps to emergency preparedness are:

- **Prepare for Disasters** by understanding the hazards Mercer Island and the Puget Sound may be vulnerable to and sign up for alerts.
- **Create a Plan** that includes a household communication plan, alternative shelter options, evacuation routes, and special needs.
- **Build a Kit** that includes supplies that will last for 7-14 days after a disaster strikes.
- **Practice your Plan** with your family.

To help the community prepare for emergencies of all kinds, the City provides training and volunteer opportunities throughout the year including Map Your Neighborhood, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training, and emergency preparedness presentations.

Mercer Island joins communities across the region and country this September in creating a culture of preparedness where our families, neighborhoods, and businesses not only survive during but thrive after a disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as

## **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

and encourage all Mercer Island residents and businesses to commit to being prepared for 7 to 14 days following a disaster.

**APPROVED**, this 5th day of SEPTEMBER 2023

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Mayor Salim Nice

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