



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6525  
September 3, 2024  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6525 National Preparedness Month Proclamation, No. 342	<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. 342 proclaiming September 2024 National Preparedness Month in Mercer Island.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Police
<b>STAFF:</b>	Chris Sutter, Police Chief Amanda Keverkamp, Emergency Manager
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 342
<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. 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. This mission includes residents, businesses, schools, the faith community, and City staff.

**ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

Every year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) names a theme for National Preparedness Month. The theme for 2024 focuses on helping Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities prepare for disasters.

Mercer Island is home to 25,000 residents, 23 percent of the population identify as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, or Pacific Islander ([United States Census Bureau, data for Mercer Island](#)). Mercer Island Emergency

Management works with Island organizations and neighborhood groups to help the entire community prepare for disasters.

During National Preparedness Month, the community is reminded to take important steps to ensure that they, their families, and their neighborhoods are ready for emergencies of all kinds by:

- **Understanding 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).
- **Creating a Plan.** Build a plan for your family. Visit [www.mercerisland.gov/familyemergencyplan](http://www.mercerisland.gov/familyemergencyplan) to get started. Mercer Island’s 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 the City or County during a disaster by signing up for [ALERT King County](#). Islanders can sign up to receive alerts in these languages:
  - Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese)
  - Japanese
  - Korean
  - Hindi
  - Thai
  - and many others.
- **Building 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.
- **Discussing and Practicing Your Plan.** Creating the plan is the first step. Making sure the entire household understands the plan is the next step.

## RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Proclamation No. 342 proclaiming September 2024 National Preparedness Month in Mercer Island.