



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 partner agencies, residents, neighborhood groups, businesses, and community organizations to prepare for disasters throughout the year and during National Preparedness Month.

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

This September, Mercer Island joins communities across the region and country in fostering a culture of preparedness where our families, neighborhoods, and businesses not only survive during but thrive after a disaster. To help with this endeavor, the City encourages all Islanders to:

- **Understand the Hazards** specific to Mercer Island and the Puget Sound.
- **Create a Plan** that includes a household communications plan, alternative shelter options, evacuation routes, and accommodations for special needs.
- **Sign up for Emergency Alerts** to receive urgent messages and updates from the City of Mercer Island and King County.
- **Build a Kit** that includes supplies that will last for 7-14 days after a disaster.
- **Practice your Plan** with your family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim September 2024 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 3rd day of September 2024

Mayor Salim Nice

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