



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 5926
August 31, 2021
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 5926: National Preparedness Month Proclamation No. 278	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Mayor Wong proclaims September 2021 National Preparedness Month in Mercer Island.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

DEPARTMENT:	Police
STAFF:	Ed Holmes, Police Chief Jennifer Franklin, Emergency Manager
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 278
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

SUMMARY

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month. Recognizing Emergency Preparedness each September helps remind the community to prepare for disasters, not just in September, but throughout the entire year. The theme for this year is [“Prepare to Protect.”](#) In conjunction with the region, the City of Mercer Island is highlighting weekly themes to help residents prepare:

- **Week 1: Plan** - The City website emergency preparedness [link](#), as well as emergency preparedness booklets located in the Mercer Island Police lobby, can help you create your [plan](#).
- **Week 2: Build a Kit** - Gather supplies that will last for 7-14 days after a disaster strikes and don't forget pets!
- **Week 3: Prepare for Disasters** - Know the risks of disaster in your area (see the recently updated [Hazard Mitigation Plan](#) on the city website) and check your insurance coverage. Plan a [“Map Your Neighborhood Meeting”](#) and make sure your home and neighbors are ready for emergencies.
- **Week 4: Teach Youth About Preparedness** - Talk to your kids about preparing for emergencies and what to do in case you are separated.

The mission of Mercer Island's Emergency Preparedness program is to prepare Mercer Island 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.

The past 18 months were a testament to the value created when current plans and training exist. Whether at the City or the individual level, preparing is essential. With current plans and a cadre of trained staff and volunteers, staff successfully worked through the ongoing Pandemic. It's essential to continue preparing by following the nation's weekly plan to “Prepare and Protect” our families, neighbors, and community.

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