



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

National Preparedness Month September 2023

- WHEREAS:** For almost two decades, the Federal Emergency Management Agency has proclaimed September as National Preparedness Month as part of an effort to encourage personal preparedness for emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** With this year's theme, "Take Control in 1,2,3," we are reminded to focus on preparing older adults for disaster since they can face greater risks with age; and
- WHEREAS:** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security, local officials, federal, state, and county offices, as well as the private sector, are working to deter, prevent, and respond to all types of emergencies, including human-made threats and natural disasters; and
- WHEREAS:** These activities, along with programs like Citizen Corps and others, contribute to a level of community unity and preparedness that is critical to securing our community, county, state, and nation; and
- WHEREAS:** Middletown Township and the Office of Emergency Management encourage our residents to take personal responsibility to become informed and prepared to be self-sufficient until assistance can arrive. Preparedness includes maintaining a preparedness kit, having an emergency plan, and making a commitment to practice that plan with their family periodically. Now,
- THEREFORE:** I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby recognize September 2023 as **National Preparedness Month** in Middletown Township. We encourage all residents to educate themselves about preparedness to improve community resilience during emergencies and to visit www.middletownnj.org/oem for additional information and resources.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this eighteenth day of September in the year two thousand twenty-three*

Mayor Tony Perry