



# Proclamation

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**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools; and,

**WHEREAS**, disasters often strike quickly, with little or no warning, and residents might be forced to evacuate neighborhoods, schools, and worksites, or be confined to homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges posed by climate change, such as more intense storms, heat waves, drought, wildfires, and extreme flooding could significantly alter the types and magnitudes of hazards faced by communities; and

**WHEREAS**, preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of the City of Tualatin, Oregon, and all residents are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month creates a significant opportunity for every resident of the City of Tualatin to reflect and act on shared responsibility to be prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, the City supports and encourages citizen participation in the Tualatin Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) so our community can be prepared, trained, and respond to emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, we commit, as a community, to non-discrimination and equitable citizen participation in planning for and responding to disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals, neighborhoods, businesses and communities can all take steps to increase their resilience and look out for one another when major emergencies or disasters strike.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN**, that September 2024 is:

National Preparedness Month

and encourages all residents and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan and work together toward creating a more prepared community.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

