

# Proclamation

## *Declaring the Month of September 2020 as Emergency Preparedness Month in the City of Tualatin*

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 world is currently grappling with the COVID-19 pandemic, which is likely to continue to impact the nation and City for an extended period of time, requiring residents to prepare differently for other disasters that may affect their community; and

WHEREAS Oregon is currently experiencing record-breaking wildfires throughout the State, which have resulted in evacuations effecting both counties in which Tualatin resides (Washington and Clackamas); and,

WHEREAS emergency 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.

WHEREAS 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 the City of Tualatin participates in the Great Shakeout drill each October to promote earthquake awareness for employees; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Tualatin City Council that September 2020 is Emergency 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 28th day of September 2020.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_

City Recorder