

Proclamation

Declaring the Month of September 2023 as National 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 has grappled with the COVID-19 pandemic, which has impacted the nation and City for an extended period of time, requiring residents to prepared differently for other disasters that may affect their community; 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 the City of Tualatin participates in the Great Shakeout drill each October to promote earthquake awareness for employees; 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, IT IS PROCLAIMED by the Tualatin City Council that September 2023 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 11th day of September 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY _____

Mayor

ATTEST:

BY _____

City Recorder