City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Proclamation-Earthquake Preparedness Month

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Office of Emergency Services

See attached proclamation.
Attachments:
  • Attachment A: April 2020 Earthquake Preparedness Month
WHEREAS, the State of California has proclaimed April to be Earthquake Preparedness Month; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto recognizes the importance of preparing for earthquakes and the possible consequences of a major seismic event; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto has developed an Emergency Services Volunteer (ESV) program that is comprised of Amateur Radio (ham) operators, Block Preparedness Coordinators (which includes Neighborhood Watch), and other specialties such as our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and

WHEREAS, earthquakes can overwhelm the City and other government agencies, thus each individual, business, and other organization must bear responsibility by taking steps for preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Office of Emergency Services has helpful information posted on www.cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Adrian Fine, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the entire City Council do hereby declare the month of April to be Earthquake Preparedness Month in the City of Palo Alto. I call upon all citizens and entities of the Palo Alto Community to join together to improve our resilience before the next Big One.

Presented: April 6, 2020