



City of Palo Alto
City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Proclamation-Emergency Preparedness Month

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Office of Emergency Services

Attachments:

- Emergency Preparedness Month- September



Proclamation

Emergency Preparedness Month – September 2018

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness month for all hazards: natural disasters, technological and accidental critical incidents, and human-caused threats such as major crime and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto wishes to support building resilience in our community and, even though we do not know when or where disasters and emergencies may strike, we do know that we can do more to be prepared for the unexpected; and

WHEREAS, many things compete for our attention these days and, while it may seem overwhelming or unimportant to get prepared, we know from experience that taking steps to prepare ahead of time can help you respond better and stay safer during crisis; and

WHEREAS, the time and effort you invest now in preparing will help you and your family navigate through and recover quickly from what may come our way at the most unexpected moment. The time to act is now, before the next disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Palo Alto's Office of Emergency Services (OES) supports our Emergency Services Volunteer (ESV) program which includes Amateur Radio (ham) operators, Block Preparedness Coordinators (which includes Neighborhood Watch crime prevention program), and our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). There is a role for neighbors, businesses, and non-government organizations in volunteering or otherwise helping to improve our community's resilience.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Liz Kniss, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto on behalf of the City Council do hereby declare the month of September to be Emergency Preparedness Month in the City of Palo Alto, and call upon all citizens of the Palo Alto Community to join together as we support this annual National Preparedness Month sponsored nationally by the Department of Homeland Security and by taking steps to be prepared, starting by visiting www.cityofpaloalto.org/preparedness.

Presented: September 10, 2018

Liz Kniss
Mayor