

## **PROCLAMATION**

## OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO Recognizing the Month of September 2016 as National Preparedness Month in the County of El Dorado

"Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."

WHEREAS, emergencies can occur anytime and anywhere in the nation, including natural disasters, mass casualties, biological and chemical threats, radiation emergencies, and terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS,** when and where emergencies occur is uncontrollable, but preparation and response to emergencies can be planned; and

WHEREAS, local readiness is critical to public health and safety during times of emergencies and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility of the community as a whole and involves individuals, local businesses, volunteer organizations, and many governmental entities including local government agencies such as the County of El Dorado Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and the Health and Human Services Agency's Emergency Preparedness and Response and Animal Services Programs; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Health and Human Services Agency Emergency Preparedness and Response Program is to prepare El Dorado County to effectively respond to threats by focusing on emergency planning and training, and community outreach and education; and

WHEREAS, September 2016 marks the thirteenth annual National Preparedness Month sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the 2016 theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today."; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 13th day of September, 2016, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2016 as National Preparedness Month and encourages the citizens and businesses of El Dorado County to prepare for local threats such as wildfires and winter storms by visiting <a href="www.facebook.com/edcpreparedness">www.facebook.com/edcpreparedness</a> and by following the four steps of emergency preparedness which includes building a disaster supply kit, making an emergency plan to include both people and animals, being informed, and getting involved.

**Passed** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

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