

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Arizonans annually face the threat of natural and human-caused disasters such as extreme heat, microbursts, severe flooding, fire, and domestic terrorism that can cause property damage and threaten the safety of our families, businesses, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, all residents of the city of Glendale and throughout the state are encouraged to prepare for emergencies by increasing public awareness and by communicating important preparedness messages to family members, businesses, schools, and the community; and

WHEREAS, by following a few simple steps which include organizing an emergency supply kit, developing a personal preparedness plan, participating in community-wide efforts, and becoming informed about common hazards and threats, Glendaleans can create a culture of preparedness and help save lives; and

WHEREAS, the city of Glendale is committed to helping our residents and to mitigating the actual and potential consequences of a disaster by hosting training classes, conducting mock disaster scenarios and providing emergency tips through the website; and

WHEREAS, September is also a time to pay tribute to Glendale's first responders who put their own personal safety at risk while reacting to natural and manmade disasters.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2009 as:

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and call upon the citizens of Glendale to increase their understanding of the natural and human-caused hazards that may affect them, and urge citizens to take action by preparing themselves, their families, and businesses with steps to reduce loss and injury.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of August 2009.