

## ***NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH***

***WHEREAS***, Arizonans must continually be aware of threats of natural and human-caused disasters, such as extreme heat, microbursts, severe flooding, fire, and domestic terrorism which damage property and endanger the safety of our families, businesses, and neighborhoods; and

***WHEREAS***, during the month of September, Glendalians are encouraged to work with each other to build a stronger community focused on emergency preparedness and neighborhood unity. Citizens can bolster this initiative by joining a readiness team, benefiting themselves, their neighbors, and their communities; and

***WHEREAS***, citizen readiness can be achieved by developing a household emergency kit which includes non-perishable foods, water, a first-aid kit and other essentials required to sustain their families for at least three days following a disaster. Creating a basic family emergency plan in advance can assist in keeping family members in contact if they are separated after a traumatic event; and

***WHEREAS***, Glendale's Public Safety agencies continue to train together, involve our citizens and neighboring communities in an all-hazards approach to emergency preparedness by conducting mock disaster drills, and offer training classes to the public, including schools, businesses, and faith-based organizations.

***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, 2010 as:

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*and call upon the citizens of Glendale to further their understanding of the natural and human-caused hazards that may affect their community, and support each other in taking action by preparing themselves, their families, and businesses in order to diminish the possibilities of injury and loss.*

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2010.*