September 2016 National Preparedness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, *California residents have experienced the effects of various disasters ranging from severe winter storms to major earthquakes and devastating wildland fires, resulting in damages costing hundreds of millions of dollars; and*

WHEREAS, *the May 2014 San Diego County Wildfires were the largest wildfires in the region since the devastating fires of 2007; and*

WHEREAS, *Southern California is experiencing prolonged drought and extreme fire conditions similar to 2007, that highlight the importance of disaster preparedness, both at the individual and institutional levels; and*

WHEREAS*, the aftermath of the 2003, 2007 and 2014 firestorms in San Diego demonstrated the need for careful and thorough emergency planning and preparedness among individuals, communities, and agencies locally; and*

WHEREAS*, the loss of life and property damage can be greatly reduced if appropriate emergency preparedness measures are taken before, during, and after a major emergency;*

NOW THEREFORE*, I, _____, (mayor) and (council) of the (jurisdiction), do hereby proclaim September 2016, as National Preparedness Month; and*

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED *that the (mayor) and the (council) of the (jurisdiction) urge everyone to learn how to protect themselves, their families, and neighbors in emergency situations to mitigate injuries, loss of life and property damage.*

Dated this (day) of August,
Two Thousand and Sixteen

Signed _____
Honorable Mayor