UNIFIED SAN DIEGO COUNTY
EMERGENCY SERVICES ORGANIZATION

PROCLAMATION OF THE
UNIFIED DISASTER COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER 2018 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, *San Diego County residents have experienced the effects of various disasters including devastating wildland fires, severe winter storms, and extreme summer heat, resulting in loss of life and 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, *the state of California including San Diego County has experienced devastating wildfires and continued extreme fire conditions that highlight the critical importance of disaster preparedness, both at the individual, community, and institutional levels; and*

WHEREAS, *the United States and the world continues to experience devastation from both natural and man made disasters; and*

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

NOW THEREFORE, *the San Diego County Unified Disaster Council does hereby proclaim September 2018 as:*

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED *that the San Diego County Unified Disaster Council urges all persons to learn what to do before, during and after major emergencies to mitigate injuries, loss of life and property damage.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED *by the Unified Disaster Council of San Diego County, State of California, this 16th day of August, 2018.*

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Supervisor Kristin Gaspar,
Chairwoman, Unified Disaster Council