



Proclamation

National Preparedness Month

***WHEREAS,** National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September, creates an important opportunity for every resident of the City of Lake Elsinore to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks;*

***WHEREAS,** investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation;*

***WHEREAS,** injury and loss of life is avoidable when individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities. However, the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) estimates that 43% of Californians are prepared for disaster;*

***WHEREAS,** the County of Riverside Emergency Management Department, through programs such as its RivCoReady campaign, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign and Citizen Corps, the California Office of Emergency Services Listos California Campaign and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action;*

***WHEREAS,** the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has announced the 2022 National Preparedness Month theme of "A Lasting Legacy". The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family; and*

***WHEREAS,** all resident of the City of Lake Elsinore are encouraged to prepare an emergency communication plan, participate in citizen preparedness activities, and visit the County's preparedness campaign's website at RivCoReady.org for important preparedness tips and information.*

***NOW, THEREFORE,** the City Council of the City of Lake Elsinore, California, does hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 to be "National Preparedness Month" in the City of Lake Elsinore and call on all government agencies, private organizations, residents, and business owners to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a more prepared society.*



Timothy J. Sheridan, Mayor