



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to meeting the needs of our state during times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management responds to disasters year-round, including hurricanes, severe weather, flooding, wildfires, and man-made hazards; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is observed each September by the Federal Emergency Management Agency's "Ready" Campaign, a national public service campaign designed to educate and empower people to prepare for, respond to and mitigate emergencies, including natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, Florida has had the most hurricane impacts of any state in the nation, and September marks the historical peak of hurricane season; and

WHEREAS, Florida's residents and visitors must be aware of and prepared for natural hazards, such as hurricanes, and man-made hazards, including threats to domestic security by adopting a culture of preparedness; and

WHEREAS, education and community outreach remain a critical component of preparing and protecting the public from all hazards; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians should develop disaster preparedness plans based on their own needs, and emergency supply kits to sustain themselves and their families during and after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, with the state continuing to respond to COVID-19, individuals should consider making additions to their emergency supplies based on recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control, including face masks, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida encourages each resident and visitor to visit their county emergency management websites and social media pages for the most up-to-date information on creating specific disaster plans for their households; and

WHEREAS, the great State of Florida supports the federal outreach initiative and declaration of September 2020, as National Preparedness Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 2020, as *Florida Preparedness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of September, in the year two thousand twenty.



Governor