



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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 throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management responds to disasters year-round, including hurricanes, tropical storms, wildfires, and man-made hazards and remains committed to meeting the needs of Floridians during times of disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has distributed more than \$5 billion in disaster recovery funding, the most funding that has been paid out in less than three years in the Division's history, to local governments to support the recovery and resiliency of Florida's communities; 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 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 determine if their home or business is located in a flood-prone area or evacuation zone to develop a comprehensive evacuation plan and to better understand orders from local officials during a disaster; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians and visitors should develop a disaster preparedness plan based on their own needs, and an emergency supply kit to sustain themselves and their family for at least 7 days after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida encourages each resident and visitor to visit their County Emergency Management's websites and social media pages for the most up-to-date and locally significant information to create locally-specific disaster plans for their households.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 2021, 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-one.



Governor