

City of Santa Clara

Proclamation

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness Month for all hazards: natural disasters, technological and accidental critical incidents, pandemics, and human-caused threats such as major crime and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara supports resilience in our community; Santa Clara is susceptible to natural disasters including earthquakes, floods, and other large-scale emergencies that we cannot predict; therefore, we strive to prepare our families for the unexpected; and

WHEREAS, when large-scale emergencies occur, law, fire, and emergency medical services will be overwhelmed with priority calls and our City employees will serve as Disaster Service Workers as they have done during the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic; and

WHEREAS, by working in partnership with our community members on the importance of emergency preparedness, we can minimize the loss of lives, injuries, and help our community return to a sense of normalcy post-emergency; and

WHEREAS, there is a role for neighbors, businesses, and non-government organizations in volunteering or otherwise helping to improve our community's resilience; the time and effort we invest now in preparing will help us and our families navigate through and recover quickly from what may come our way at the most unexpected moment; the time to act is now, before the next disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-sponsored Ready Campaign has set the overarching theme as "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today" for this year's National Preparedness Month; and

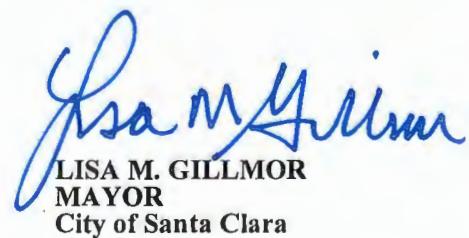
WHEREAS, the City of Santa Clara has set the overarching theme as "Santa Clara Ready" for this year's Community Preparedness Month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LISA M. GILLMOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor, and on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020, as

Community Preparedness Month

in the City of Santa Clara, and urge all residents to join together as we support this annual National Preparedness Month sponsored by the United States Department of Homeland Security and take steps to learn how we can prepare our families now.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Santa Clara, California, this 1st day of September, 2020.



LISA M. GILLMOR
MAYOR
City of Santa Clara