

# 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 wishes to support resilience in our community. Our City is susceptible to natural disasters including earthquakes, floods, and other large-scale emergencies we cannot predict; therefore, we desire 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 recent pandemic; and
- WHEREAS,** 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,** 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,** there is a role for neighbors, businesses, and non-government organizations in volunteering or otherwise helping to improve our community's resilience; and
- WHEREAS,** the FEMA-sponsored Ready Campaign has set the overarching theme for this year's National Preparedness Month as "Preparedness for Older Adults;" and
- WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Clara has set the overarching local theme for this year's Community Preparedness Month as "Santa Clara Ready."

**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 2023 as

## **Community Preparedness Month**

in the City of Santa Clara, and in doing so, I urge all residents of the Santa Clara community to join together as we support this annual National Preparedness Month sponsored nationally by the United States Department of Homeland Security, and by taking 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

**LISA M. GILLMOR**  
**MAYOR**  
**City of Santa Clara**