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**REPORT TO COUNCIL**

**SUBJECT**

Proclamation of September 2018 as Community Preparedness Month

**BACKGROUND**

National Preparedness Month was launched in 2004 as part of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) sponsored Ready Campaign in an effort to strengthen our country’s preparedness capabilities. The national preparedness architecture encompasses prevention, protection, response, and recovery efforts to prepare the United States for all hazards, whether terrorist attacks or natural disasters. Since September 11, 2001, the U.S. Government has taken steps to encourage all citizens to make their own survival preparations. September was chosen as National Preparedness Month, as the tragedies of September 11, 2001 highlighted to the nation the importance of being prepared.

Since its inception, National Preparedness Month has encouraged individuals, families, and communities to take part in practicing preparedness steps, having knowledge about various emergencies that may affect them, and taking steps and getting trained in preparedness and response efforts.

**DISCUSSION**

This year’s National Preparedness Month theme is “Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.” This theme emphasizes the importance to be prepared. The winter storms of 2017 that impacted residents and communities in Santa Clara County and the unprecedented destructive fires in California are examples of the importance to be prepared. The City of Santa Clara is committed to support National Preparedness Month. For more information, visit the City of Santa Clara [Emergency Preparedness website](http://santaclaraca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency-preparedness)  [<http://santaclaraca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency-preparedness>](http://santaclaraca.gov/government/departments/fire/emergency-preparedness) and register for [Alert SCC](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx)  [<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx>](https://www.sccgov.org/sites/alertscc/Pages/home.aspx), the county’s emergency alert and warning system.

The City Council would like to recognize the month of September 2018 as “Community Preparedness Month” to increase public awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW**

The action being considered does not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)(5) in that it is a governmental organizational or administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact other than staff time.

### **PUBLIC CONTACT**

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