



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

September 5, 2018

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming September 2018 as Disaster Preparedness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming September 2018 as Town of Fairfax Preparedness Month.

DISCUSSION

Ross Valley Fire Chief Jason Weber requested the Town adopt a resolution to highlight disaster and emergency preparedness in the month of September, and encourage residents to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/a

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

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A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 2018 AS PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, a major disaster such as an earthquake, flood, wildland fire, public health crisis, or terrorism could cause large numbers of deaths and injuries; and devastating loss of property and costly damage to the town's environment; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all community members take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work or school; and

WHEREAS, personal preparedness and planning in advance is critical to effectively responding to the effects of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, preparing individuals, their families, businesses, schools, and the community as one, it allows first responders to prioritize efforts and aid; and

WHEREAS, the Town's leadership desires to bring together community and government leaders to involve community members in emergency preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sponsors a National Preparedness Month each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies and to increase public awareness of its importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby takes the following actions:

1. Encourages and persuades residents of the Town to prepare and to have a plan for all types of emergencies and disaster, including what to do before, during and after a disaster;
2. Supports the Town's programs to prepare residents for the crucial 72-hour period after a disaster where community preparedness is the key to survival;
3. Promotes enrollment through the county-wide alert system, www.AlertMarin.org, partner community organizations, advertisements, and social media outreach throughout "Preparedness Month";
4. Recognizes community members who have committed the time to join programs such as the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) supported by Ross Valley Fire Department and the Marin Medical Reserve Corps supported by the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby proclaims the month of September 2018 as "Preparedness Month" in the Town of Fairfax.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax held in said Town on the 5th day of September 2018, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

PETER LACQUES, Mayor

Attest:

Michele Gardner, Town Clerk