

**City of San Rafael**  
In Recognition of  
**National Preparedness Month 2021**

WHEREAS, in San Rafael, our community is susceptible to human-caused and natural disasters including earthquakes, wildland fires, floods, pandemics, and other large-scale emergencies we cannot predict; and

WHEREAS, recent events, including drought, wildfires, and an ongoing pandemic have emphasized environmental, structural and social vulnerabilities; and

WHEREAS, when large-scale emergencies occur Professional First Responders and Disaster Workers will be overwhelmed and need the support of prepared and trained residents; and

WHEREAS, government agencies and disaster organizations cannot bear the sole responsibility to prepare for and respond to disasters; and

WHEREAS, working in partnership with our community members, Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), Neighborhood Response Groups (NRGs) and community organizations, we can minimize the loss of lives and injuries, reduce the impact to property and the natural environment, and more quickly help our community find a new normal post emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael will join the nation in emphasizing this year's theme, "Prepare to Protect" because 'preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love'; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael and partner organizations will provide a variety of trainings, resources, and outreach to encourage residents and staff to take steps to make a plan, build a kit, sign up for alerts, and educate others; and

WHEREAS, the time, energy and effort residents, business owners, and San Rafael employees invest in preparing now will create more resilient communities that can better prevent, navigate, and recover from a disaster.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

National Preparedness Month

and in doing so, urge all residents and community members to take emergency preparation steps to increase our community's resiliency to large scale emergencies or disasters.



Kate Colin  
Mayor