

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness Month, serving as a reminder that we all must take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and also where we visit; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for National Preparedness Month is: "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today" with an emphasis on making a plan, including making accommodations per CDC guidelines relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, building a kit, preparing for disasters, and teaching youth about preparedness; and

WHEREAS, all residents of South San Francisco are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and their friends to also do so; and

WHEREAS, investing in preparing ourselves, our families, homes, and businesses can reduce injuries, fatalities and economic devastation in our community and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, when individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, the time and effort invested now to prepare will help you and your family navigate through, and successfully recover from what can occur at any moment; and

WHEREAS, in September, people from cities and towns from all corners of our Nation will join with us to make a plan and participate in this important opportunity to increase their own preparedness.

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is also an opportunity to pay tribute to America's first responders who put themselves at risk for the safety of their fellow citizens. These brave Law Enforcement officers, firefighters, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members and emergency service personnel exemplify the compassion and commitment that help strengthen our country.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Garbarino and the City Council of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim that September 2020 is recognized as National Preparedness Month and encourage all residents to "Make a Plan Today."