

IN RECOGNITION OF SEPTEMBER AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an annual observance each September that encourages individuals, families, businesses, and communities to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is sponsored by FEMA’s Ready Campaign and aims to raise awareness and the importance of preparedness and encourages proactive steps to reduce risks from various emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, The City of South San Francisco remains committed to emergency response and preparedness responding to over 9,000 calls for service, completing of over 18,000 hours of training, hosting over 300 hours of regional technical rescue training, and facilitating over 5,400 hours of Community Emergency Response Team Training annually; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme focuses on “Preparedness Starts at Home” and highlights the idea that every individual has a responsibility to prepare their household, including family members, pets, and neighbors, by taking proactive steps to create an emergency plan and build an emergency kit; and

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco is thankful to its volunteers on the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for continuing to train and for being prepared to assist our community during a disaster; and

WHEREAS, our community is encouraged to take preparedness steps now and later to help protect yourself and your loved ones before, during, and after a disaster strikes and remember to tailor your preparedness to your specific situation, including the ages and needs of your household members, medical requirements, and the locations you frequent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby proclaim September as National Preparedness Month and asks all community members to be prepared by taking simple, everyday actions, create a plan, build a kit, and stay informed.

Eddie Flores, Mayor

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