

**RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2022**

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

***WHEREAS**, this year’s theme: **A Lasting Legacy**, aims to shed light on the life you’ve built is worth protecting. It focuses on preparing for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family; and*

***WHEREAS**, recognition of this month encourages all of us to make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your family. Know how you’ll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that’s familiar and easy to find; and*

***WHEREAS**, after a disaster you may not have access to a medical facility or even a drugstore. It’s crucial to plan for your daily needs and know what you would do if they become limited or unavailable; and*

***WHEREAS**, disability intersects every demographic group – there are people with disabilities of all ages, races, genders or national origin. Disabilities can impact a person in a variety of ways – both visible and invisible. For people with disabilities and their families, it is important to consider individual circumstances and needs to effectively prepare for emergencies and disasters; and*

***WHEREAS**, being prepared for disasters starts at home. Everyone can be part of helping to prepare for emergencies. Young children and teens alike can be a part of the process. As a parent, guardian, or other family member, you have an important role to play when it comes to protecting the children in your life and helping them be prepared in case disaster strikes; and*

***WHEREAS**, Americans at all income levels have experienced the challenges of rebuilding their lives after a disaster or other emergency. In these stressful times, having access to personal financial, insurance, medical and other records is crucial for starting the recovery process quickly and efficiently.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco does hereby recognize September 2022 as National Preparedness Month to enhance public awareness of what to do in an emergency and to encourage all to be prepared.*

Mark Nagales, Mayor

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