

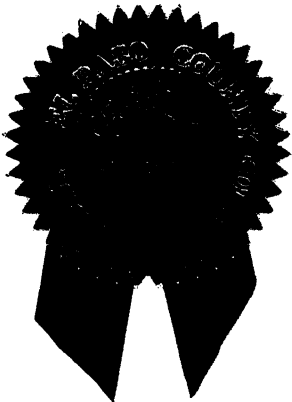
BOCC

Proclamation Recognizing National Preparedness Month in El Paso County

- WHEREAS,** National Emergency Preparedness Month is a collaborative outreach effort to inform and encourage every American to prepare for all types of potential emergencies and disasters, including natural and human-caused, large and small, and particularly those we have experienced in El Paso County: wildfires, blizzards, severe summer storms, pandemic, and floods; and
- WHEREAS,** every person who is prepared to respond to a disaster improves the community's ability to survive and recover, while reducing the strain on emergency services; and
- WHEREAS,** investing in emergency preparedness for ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce injuries, fatalities, economic loss, and the time it takes for a return to normalcy; and
- WHEREAS,** the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, with all its supporting partners: The Federal Emergency Management Agency Ready Campaign, and many other federal, state, county, private, and volunteer governments, organizations, and agencies, encourage individuals, businesses, and neighborhoods to prepare for emergencies by making and acting on preparedness plans; and
- WHEREAS,** citizens in El Paso County have seen firsthand the value of being prepared for a disaster and having an emergency survival kit and supplies, developing family evacuation and reunification plans, and the value of knowing lifesaving information; and
- WHEREAS,** successful planning, response, and long-term recovery requires the commitment of El Paso County, other local governments, the State of Colorado, the federal government, non-profit organizations, private companies, and all individuals to work collectively and collaboratively as a whole community; and
- WHEREAS,** hundreds of El Paso County citizens have completed Community Emergency Response Team training, to include citizens from Colorado Springs, Fountain, Monument, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Ramah and Green Mountain Falls, to be prepared to act as auxiliary support in emergencies and disasters to our first responders and to the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, with more citizen involvement needed; and
- WHEREAS,** Preparedness Month is an extension of year-round, whole community emergency preparation that includes programs like Community Emergency Response Team training and the Ready and Resilient Neighborhoods programs, and community members can also learn valuable personal preparedness skills from the websites: Ready.gov and the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management website.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of El Paso County, Colorado, hereby joins The Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, municipal, regional, state, and national agencies, organizations and governments in proclaiming September 2020 as Preparedness Month, and encourages all citizens, businesses and organizations to develop their own emergency preparedness plans and resources, and to work together to ensure that our community is well prepared and resilient in the face of emergencies and disasters that will happen.

DONE THIS 15th day of September 2020 at Colorado Springs, Colorado.



ATTEST: *Charles D Broerman*

Chuck Broerman
County Clerk and Recorder

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF EL PASO COUNTY, COLORADO

Mark Wall

Mark Wall, Chair

Longinos Gonzalez, Jr.

Longinos Gonzalez, Jr., Vice Chair

Stan VanderVort

Stan VanderVort, Member

Holly Williams

Holly Williams, Member

Cami Bremer

Cami Bremer, Member

Chuck Broerman
09/23/2020 09:29:23 AM
Doc \$0.00 1
Rec \$0.00 Page

El Paso County, CO



220148189