



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month (NPM) 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, in the past year, the State of Hawai'i has faced both unparalleled and unpredictable hardships and challenges, such as damaging floods and landslides, a close call with tropical cyclone Linda, large wildfires, and the continual battle with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, becoming more disaster ready as a state and taking action now to be more prepared as a people is essential to caring for our family and friends, protecting our beautiful natural resources, strengthening our economy, and ultimately lifting up all of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, during this month, we encourage all Hawai'i residents to take simple but important steps to prepare for both natural and human-caused disasters to ensure that all our communities are ready for an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month is "Prepare to Protect": by preparing for disasters now, you are taking steps to protect everyone you love; and

WHEREAS, there are many different ways to prepare and protect our loved ones and our communities: get vaccinated, sign up for county alerts, make a plan for how to communicate and reconnect with family, create an emergency go-bag and build a 14-day supply of water and food; and

WHEREAS, for help getting started, the Hawai'i Emergency Management Agency provides emergency preparedness tips in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as

"NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask every business, nonprofit, classroom, religious institution, and home in the Aloha State to commit to becoming a more prepared and resilient part of our Hawai'i 'ohana.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this first day of September 2021.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i