



Proclamation

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, becoming more disaster-ready as a state and taking action now to be more prepared as a community 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, in the past year, the State of Hawai'i has faced the challenges and hardships of the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, flooding and landslides brought on by a Kona Low storm, and the hazards of drought, wildfire, climate change, and rising seas—all of which pose threats to our people and our property; and

WHEREAS, all Hawai'i residents are encouraged to take simple but important steps to prepare for both natural and human-caused disasters to ensure that all our communities are ready for any emergency; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is also an important time to recognize the bravery and the sacrifices of our first responders, who are our first line of defense in so many crises.

WHEREAS, by being prepared for the hazards we face, we help the whole community by allowing our emergency responders to focus their efforts on the people with the greatest need; and

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month, "A Lasting Legacy," conveys the point that preparing for disasters can help you create lasting legacies for you and your family, and that the life that you have built is worth protecting; 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;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the **State of Hawai'i**, do hereby proclaim September 2022 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 better prepared and resilient part of our Hawai'i 'ohana.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fifth day of August 2022.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i