September 2013 National Preparedness Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, California residents have experienced the effects of various disasters ranging from severe winter storms to major earthquakes and devastating wildland fires, resulting in damages costing hundreds of millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Southern California is experiencing prolonged drought and extreme fire conditions similar to 2007, that highlight the importance of disaster preparedness, both at the individual and institutional levels; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of the 2003 and 2007 firestorms in San Diego demonstrated the necessity for careful and thorough emergency planning and preparedness among individuals, communities, and agencies locally; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property damage can be greatly reduced if appropriate emergency preparedness measures are taken before, during, and after a major emergency;

NOW THEREFORE, I, _____, (mayor) and (council) of the (jurisdiction), do hereby proclaim September 2013, as National Preparedness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the (mayor) and the (council) of the (jurisdiction) urge everyone to learn how to protect themselves, their families, and neighbors in emergency situations to mitigate injuries, loss of life and property damage.

Dated this (day) of August,
Two Thousand and Thirteen

Signed _____

Honorable Mayor