



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

- WHEREAS:** National Preparedness Month offers opportunities for every Georgian to prepare for all types of emergencies, including natural disasters, potential terrorist attacks, and public health threats; and
- WHEREAS:** Flooding from hurricanes and severe storms has impacted nearly all of Georgia's counties, causing catastrophic financial losses and affecting millions of citizens throughout the state; and
- WHEREAS:** Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen. Georgians can prepare in their own communities by creating a ready kit, obtaining homeowner's and flood insurance policies, starting a rainy-day fund, making a family disaster plan, and staying informed of potential threats; and
- WHEREAS:** Obtaining flood insurance is one of the most important, but often overlooked preparation steps a citizen can take to be ready for the disasters that traditionally affect Georgians; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency maintains an ambitious and proactive "Ready Georgia" public relations campaign to help residents comprehend emergency preparedness and provide them with the tools necessary to be prepared in the event of weather-related or other types of emergencies; and
- WHEREAS:** The Georgia Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner recommends that citizens periodically review their insurance policies as part of their emergency preparedness efforts and seek assistance in obtaining flood insurance to supplement their homeowner's insurance policies to ensure their property losses are covered in the event of flooding; and
- WHEREAS:** As we observe National Preparedness Month, the State of Georgia urges individuals, families, businesses, and community organizations to follow this year's theme, "Prepared, Not Scared," by taking the necessary steps to protect themselves and their loved ones before disaster strikes, while also contributing to initiatives for community-wide preparedness; now
- THEREFORE:** I, BRIAN P. KEMP, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim September 2019 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH in Georgia and encourage all citizens to educate themselves and others about preparing for all emergencies, man-made and natural.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.



B. Kemp

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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