



City of Takoma Park, Maryland Mayoral Proclamation

National Preparedness Month

- WHEREAS,** the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee works diligently to inform the community about the importance of preparing for emergencies; and
- WHEREAS,** the two devastating hurricanes this season, Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, illustrate the importance of building a resilient community by planning for and taking precautions to avoid hazards when possible, by mitigating damage that can be caused by natural and man-made disasters through preparedness actions, and by helping each other during and after emergencies; and
- WHEREAS,** each year, we recognize September as National Preparedness Month with a goal to increase the overall number of individuals, families, organizations and institutions, that engage in preparedness actions; and
- WHEREAS,** this year's theme for National Preparedness Month is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead, You Can."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, on behalf of the City Council, staff, and residents, hereby proclaim September 2017 as Preparedness Month in Takoma Park and urge all residents, businesses, schools, churches, and other institutions to develop a plan and practice it, plan to help others, and get involved in community preparedness.

Dated this 13th Day of September, 2017.

Kate Stewart
Mayor

Attest:

Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk