



Mayoral Proclamation

National Preparedness Month - September 2018

- WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month is
"Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How."
- WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month creates an important opportunity for the Takoma Park community to focus on preparing its homes, businesses, churches, schools and institutions for any type of emergency including storms, natural disasters, accidents, and potential terrorist attacks; and
- WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities, prevent physical and economic damage, and aid in accelerated recovery after events in our communities and in our nation; and
- WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, Citizen Corps and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and
- WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Takoma Park and all are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and
- WHEREAS, the Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee advises the City Council on preparedness issues and serves as a resource for residents by promoting preparedness at community events, writing articles, hosting activities, and preparing educational materials; and
- WHEREAS, all residents of the City of Takoma Park are encouraged be informed, make a plan, build a kit for disasters, and get involved in citizen preparedness activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND, hereby proclaim September 2018 as Preparedness Month in Takoma Park, and encourage all residents, families, organizations and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plans, and work together toward creating a more prepared and resilient society.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2018.

Attest: _____
Jessie Carpenter, CMC
City Clerk

Kate Stewart
Mayor