



# Mayoral Proclamation

## National Preparedness Month - September 2021

**WHEREAS,** the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month is

**"Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love."**

**WHEREAS,** National Preparedness Month is observed every September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and

**WHEREAS,** each week in September focuses on a different aspect of preparedness for individuals, families and communities.

- September 1-4: Make A Plan
- September 5-11: Build A Kit
- September 12-18: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness
- September 19-25: Teach Youth About Preparedness

**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, and accidents; and

**WHEREAS,** investing in preparedness can reduce fatalities, prevent physical and economic damage, and aid in accelerated recovery after events in our communities; 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 to be informed, make a plan, build a kit for disasters, and get involved in preparedness activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** hereby proclaim September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Takoma Park, and encourage all residents, families, organizations and businesses to develop their own emergency plans, and work together toward creating a more prepared and resilient community.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2021.

Kate Stewart  
Mayor