



# Mayoral Proclamation

## National Preparedness Month - September 2023

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

**"Preparing for Older Adults for Disaster."**

**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,** 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,** this month, families and individuals are encouraged to have a plan specifically for the older adults in our community for when disaster strikes; and

**WHEREAS,** older adults can face greater risks when it comes to extreme weather events and emergencies, especially if they are living alone, are low-income, or have a disability; 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TALISHA SEARCY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of the Council, staff, and residents, hereby proclaim September 2023 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 6th day of September, 2023.**

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Talisha Searcy  
Mayor