

Proclamation

of the Mayor

of the City of Los Altos, California

Declaring the Month of September to be Emergency Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, September is National Preparedness month for all hazards: natural disasters, technological and accidental critical incidents, and human-caused threats such as major crime and terrorism; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos wishes to support building resilience in our community. While no one knows when or where disasters and emergencies may strike, each of us can work to be prepared for the unexpected. Taking steps to prepare ahead of time can help individuals and communities respond better and stay safer during crisis; and

WHEREAS, the time and effort invested now in preparing will help Los Altos residents and communities navigate through and recover quickly from whatever may come. The time to act is now, before the next disaster strikes; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 National Preparedness Month theme is "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today;" and

WHEREAS, individuals can help to prepare themselves by registering their cell phones and home addresses to receive emergency alerts at the website www.AlertSCC.org, sign up for alerts by texting their zip codes to 888-777, and making a family communication and evacuation plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jan Pepper, Mayor of the City of Los Altos, on behalf of the Los Altos City Council do hereby declare the month of September to be Emergency Preparedness Month in the City of Los Altos. I call upon all community members to join together as we support this annual National Preparedness Month sponsored nationally by the Department of Homeland Security and by taking steps to be prepared.

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Janis C. Pepper Mayor