



*Proclamation*  
*of the*  
*Mayor of the City of Los Altos, California*  
**Recognizing Sherie Dodsworth**

***WHEREAS***, the Los Altos City Council supports building resilience in our community and strengthening individuals' emergency preparedness. Taking proactive steps to prepare for disasters and emergencies can help individuals and communities respond better and stay safer during crisis; and

***WHEREAS***, the Los Altos City Council encourages residents to get to know their neighbors, join together in crime prevention and emergency preparedness, and build a sense of community; and

***WHEREAS***, resident Sherie Dodsworth founded the Block Action Team (BAT) Program in 2013, An initiative of Los Altos Community Foundation, Sherie worked to improve household preparedness levels and strengthen the community's ability to respond to disasters. Envisioning a network of neighborhood groups across Los Altos, Sherie researched best practices in surrounding cities, met with local residents, and coordinated with emergency management services to create the program; and

***WHEREAS***, Sherie Dodsworth led the BAT program for five years, recruiting and training BAT leaders across the City of Los Altos and holding quarterly "Inspiration Sessions" to keep volunteers engaged; and

***WHEREAS***, Sherie and the BAT Program have trained 300 volunteer BAT leaders since 2014, establishing over 100 Block Action Teams. Over 2500 households (approximately 25% of the City of Los Altos) are now covered by a Block Action Team; and

***NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jan Pepper, Mayor of the City of Los Altos***, on behalf of the Los Altos City Council do hereby honor Sherie Dodsworth for her contributions to our community and for establishing the Block Action Teams in Los Altos. I encourage all community members to take Sherie's example to improve emergency preparedness in their own homes and in our community.

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**Janis C. Pepper, Mayor**