

**PROCLAIMING
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
SEPTEMBER 2010**

WHEREAS, a major disaster such as earthquake, wildfire, flood, pandemic flu or terrorism could cause large numbers of Marin County residents death or injury, the devastating loss of property and costly damage to the County's environment; and

WHEREAS, it is vital that all Americans take steps to prepare for emergencies at home, work or school; and

WHEREAS, personal preparedness is paramount to effectively reacting to the effects of a disaster; and

WHEREAS, by preparing individuals, families, businesses, schools and the community as one, first responders can prioritize efforts and aid; and

WHEREAS, the County's leadership desires to bring together community, emergency and government leaders to involve community members in emergency prevention, preparedness, planning, mitigation, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) sponsors a National Preparedness Month each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies and to increase public awareness of its importance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby takes the following actions:

1. Encourages residents of Marin to personally prepare for all types of emergencies and disasters.
2. Supports "**Get Ready Marin**" programs which prepares residents to survive for 72 hours in their homes, at work or school by offering a two-hour course to teach them what to do before, during and after a disaster.
3. Supports the American Red Cross "**Ready When the Time Comes**" program, the Bay Area's corporate volunteer corps that provides volunteers from partner companies as local emergency response teams.
4. Promotes the widespread knowledge and use of websites including: www.getreadymarin.org, www.redcrossbayarea.org, and www.marinflu.org, to give residents information needed to understand and pursue the benefits of disaster preparedness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin, hereby proclaims the Month of September 2010, as "National Preparednes Month."

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this 14th day of September 2010.