

WHEREAS: Emergency Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident and business within the City of Pompano Beach to join others across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural, technological, and human-caused; and

WHEREAS: The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the 2023 Emergency Preparedness Month theme of '*Helping Older Adults Prepare for Disaster*'; and

WHEREAS: planning now—before a disaster—is the best way to improve community resiliency from disasters; and

WHEREAS: we commit, as a community, to non-discrimination and equitable citizen participation in planning for and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS: when residents working together with the government take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS: The City of Pompano Beach Fire Rescue Department partners with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, nonprofit, and community agencies and organizations to educate communities on local hazards and natural disasters and how to prepare for them; and

WHEREAS: The City of Pompano Beach is committed to the equitable disaster relief and recovery services and nondiscrimination to all communities in the event of an emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS: The City of Pompano Beach informs residents on how to take action and receive services through its Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS: all residents within The City of Pompano Beach are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and friends to do so by visiting the emergency management webpage at <u>www.pompanobeachfl.gov/GetReady</u> for essential preparedness information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rex Hardin, Mayor, on behalf of the City of Pompano Beach Commission do hereby proclaim September as:

"EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH"

And encourage the community to observe this month by preparing for emergencies before they occur in Pompano Beach.

Signed the 12th day of September 2023.





REX HARDIN, MAYOR