

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September since the 9/11 tragedy, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident and business within the City of Pompano Beach, Florida to join others across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency announced the 2019 National Preparedness Month theme of "*Prepared, Not Scared. Be Ready for Disasters*," and

WHEREAS, planning now, before a disaster, is the best way to create a stronger, more resilient community and improve community recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, when individuals 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 Pompano Beach Fire Rescue partners with federal, state, local and volunteer agencies to educate individuals on local hazards and how to prepare for them; and

WHEREAS, the Pompano Beach Fire Rescue informs individuals on how to take action, through its public education outreach, and volunteer program, Community Emergency Response Team; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Pompano Beach, Florida, are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and their friends to also do so by developing their own emergency preparedness plan, by visiting the City's preparedness website page at <u>www.pompanobeachfl.gov/getready</u> for essential preparedness tips and information.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Rex Hardin, Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach, Florida on behalf of the City Commission, do herby recognize September as National Preparedness Month.

DONE this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019.

REX HARDIN MAYOR