

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING SEPTEMBER 2025 AS

National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has designated September 2025 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH across the United States; and

WHEREAS, NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency readiness and to encourage all residents to prepare their homes and communities for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, this month emphasizes family preparedness and encourages residents to take simple, practical steps to be ready at home, at work, and in schools; and

WHEREAS, this month is also a time to honor first responders, including law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency service personnel, who put themselves at risk to keep others safe and whose courage and commitment strengthen our communities; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Emergency Management is advancing preparedness by adopting new tools such as artificial intelligence to predict disaster scenarios and provide operational insights, while also updating mitigation and emergency plans to ensure the needs of people with access and functional needs are not overlooked; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County Emergency Management and its partners are bringing preparedness directly into neighborhoods, especially in hard-to-reach areas through workshops, live safety demonstrations, and multilingual programs that show residents what to do in the first critical moments of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, San Mateo County's 21st Annual Disaster Preparedness Day gathered more than 1,600 residents and 60 partner agencies, building trust, strengthening relationships, and reinforcing the collaboration that is essential when disaster strikes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby proclaim September 2025 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH and encourages all residents and organizations to take action to become prepared for any disaster or emergency.

Dated: September 9, 2025

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