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**RESOLUTION #30-2021  
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS “PREPAREDNESS MONTH”  
IN TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, Transylvania County has been affected by a number of disasters and emergencies in recent years, including most recently Tropical Storm Fred that devastated many communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Counties throughout North Carolina have been affected by a variety of emergencies, including mudslides, wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2020 the State of North Carolina experienced 48 tornado touchdowns, 247 flood events, and 609 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail, all of which resulted in more than \$275 million in damages statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, The peak period for hurricane season is historically mid-August through October, and September 10 marks the peak of hurricane system; and

**WHEREAS**, On Saturday, August 14, 2021, Brunswick County Commissioner and NC Association of County Commissioners President Frank Williams announced the “100 Counties Prepared” Initiative during the 2021 North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference in New Hanover County; and

**WHEREAS**, The 100 Counties Prepared Initiative will focus on training county commissioners on how to effectively lead during emergencies, compiling resources to assist commissioners during emergency situations, and helping commissioners establish relationships with key emergency management partners; and

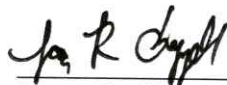
**WHEREAS**, The 2021 theme of National Preparedness Month is “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love;” and

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is aimed at encouraging citizens to develop an emergency plan, build an emergency kit, and take other proactive steps to prepare for potential emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, The Transylvania County Board of Commissioners desires that every household, property owner, and business owner in Transylvania County be prepared for potential emergencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Transylvania County hereby declares September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Transylvania County and encourages all citizens to *Prepare to Protect* their loved ones by developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and communicating their emergency plan to all members of their household and/or workplace.

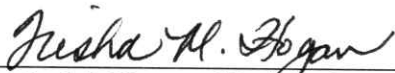
This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September 2021.



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Jason R. Chappell, Chairman  
Transylvania County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



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Trisha M. Hogan, Clerk to the Board

