

**BURKE COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA**

**RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS "PREPAREDNESS MONTH"**

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month (NPM) 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**, Burke County has been affected by several disasters and emergencies in recent years, and

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

**WHEREAS**, In 2020 the State of North Carolina experienced 48 tornado touchdowns, 247 flood incidents, and 609 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail, all of which resulted in more than \$27.5 million in damages statewide; and

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

**WHEREAS**, On Saturday, August 14, 2021, Brunswick County Commissioner and N.C. Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) President Frank Williams announced the "100 Counties Prepared" initiative; 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 pro-active steps to prepare for potential emergencies; and

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

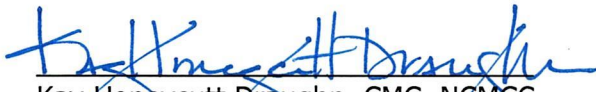
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Burke County hereby declares September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Burke County and encourages all citizens to Prepare to Protect their loved ones by developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and communicating their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



Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.

  
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Jeffrey C. Brittain, Chairman  
Burke Co. Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Kay Honeycutt Draughn, CMC, NCMCC  
Clerk to the Board