

County of Brunswick
Office of the County Commissioners



**RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS “PREPAREDNESS MONTH” IN
BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

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, Brunswick County has been affected by a number of disasters and emergencies in recent years, including Hurricanes Florence, Dorian and Isaias and the tornado that affected Ocean Ridge and nearby 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 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 Brunswick County Board of Commissioners desires that every household, property owner, and business in Brunswick County be prepared for potential emergencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County hereby declares September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Brunswick 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 7th day of September, 2021.

Randell Thompson, Chairman
Brunswick County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Daralyn Spivey
Clerk to the Board