

**PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2021 AS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH
IN GUILFORD 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, in 2018, Guilford County was impacted by three (3) presidentially declared disasters, including the East Greensboro Tornado, Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael, which all resulted in significant damages to county residences and business; 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, NC 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 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 Guilford County Board of Commissioners wishes every household, property owner and business within the county be prepared for potential emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim September 2021 as “**GUILFORD COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**” and encourages all county residents to “Prepare to Protect” their loved ones for weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits; and developing, updating and/or communicating their emergency plans with their households and within their businesses.

ADOPTED this the 16th day of September 2021.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the corporate seal of the County of Guilford to be affixed, this the 16th day of September 2021.



Melvin “Skip” Alston, Chairman
Guilford County Board of
Commissioners