



**RESOLUTION  
DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2021 AS  
"PREPAREDNESS MONTH" IN  
DAVIDSON 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**, Davidson County has been affected by a number of disasters and emergencies in recent years, including Hurricanes Hugo, Fran, Earl, Dennis, Jean, Ivan and most recently Andrea and the 69 tornados that affected the County since 1950; 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,

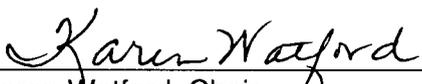
**WHEREAS**, the 2021 theme of National Preparedness Month is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love;" and,

**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,

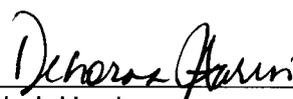
**WHEREAS**, the Davidson County Board of Commissioners desires that every household, property owner, and business in Davidson County be prepared for potential emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of Davidson County hereby declares September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Davidson 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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.

  
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Karen Watford, Chair  
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

  
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Deborah J. Harris  
Clerk to the Board