



**RESOLUTION DECLARING  
SEPTEMBER 2021 AS “PREPAREDNESS MONTH”  
IN THE TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**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**, the Town of Sunset Beach and 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 Town of Sunset Beach agrees with the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners desire that every household, property owner, and business in Brunswick County be prepared for potential emergencies.

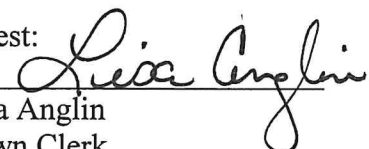
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council for the Town of Sunset Beach joins the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County to hereby declare September 2021 as Preparedness Month in Brunswick County and encourages all citizens to Prepare to Protect their loved ones by developing an emergency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

This the 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

TOWN OF SUNSET BEACH

  
D. Shannon Phillips  
Mayor

Attest:

  
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Lisa Anglin  
Town Clerk

