

ALEXANDER COUNTY PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2023

WHEREAS, all North Carolinians should be prepared for natural and man-made disasters as well as disease outbreaks; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is traditionally an active state for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, with tornado touchdowns and straight-line winds causing severe damage in parts of the state this year; and

WHEREAS, in 2022 the state experienced 21 tornado touchdowns, 74 flood incidents, and 951 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail; and

WHEREAS, last year the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 107 tornado warnings and 752 severe thunderstorm warnings, with an average warning time of 18 minutes; and 82 flash flood warnings, with an average warning time of 53 minutes; and

WHEREAS, communities across the state have borne the impacts of wildfires, severe weather, damaging hail, high winds, and flooding; and

WHEREAS, every community, business, family, and individual in Alexander County must be ready for natural and man-made disasters including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes, and public disturbances that might disrupt normal daily activities; and

WHEREAS, all Alexander County residents can take a few simple steps such as making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit, and staying informed to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority; and

WHEREAS, Alexander County residents should know the risks for their area and plan accordingly; they should also help the elderly and those who cannot help themselves and include the safety of their pets and/or livestock in their emergency plans; and

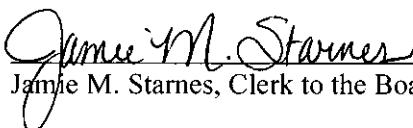
WHEREAS, Alexander County, North Carolina Emergency Management and the State of North Carolina have collaborated to recognize September as North Carolina Preparedness Month to encourage Alexander County residents to be disaster-ready.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Alexander County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as "**PREPAREDNESS MONTH**" in Alexander County and encourages all county residents to plan and prepare for weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits and updating their emergency plans.

This the 11th day of September, 2023


Marty A. Pennell

ATTEST:


Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board