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**RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS "PREPAREDNESS MONTH"
IN THE TOWN OF BELVILLE**

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month 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, Counties throughout North Carolina have been affected by a variety of emergencies, including mudslides, wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, and the COVID-19 pandemic; 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 Brunswick County Commissioner Frank Williams recently completed his term as President of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners, which was focused on the *100 Counties Prepared* initiative; and

WHEREAS, all five Brunswick County Commissioners and three members of the Brunswick County management team completed the inaugural *100 Counties Prepared* training, which focused 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 are encouraging each municipality to follow their leadership; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 theme of National Preparedness Month is "Preparing for Older Adults"; and

WHEREAS, Brunswick County has the highest percentage of adults over the age of 65 in North Carolina; 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 Belville Board of Commissioners hereby declares September 2023 as Preparedness Month in our Town and encourages all citizens to provide for and assist with "Preparing for Older Adults" by developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit, and communicating their emergency plan to all members of their household and/or workplace.

Adopted this the 28th day of August, 2023.

SIGNED:

Mike Allen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sharon A. Niemann, Town Clerk