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RESOLUTION 2023-024

RESOLUTION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS "PREPAREDNESS MONTH' IN WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, Washington County has 27.4% of adults over the age of 65; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Washington County hereby declares September 2023 as Preparedness Month in Washington County 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 5th day of September, 2023.

Julius Walker, Jr. Chair

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