

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
BOARD ACTION SUMMARY

DEPT: Office of Emergency Services

BOARD AGENDA #: *A-4

AGENDA DATE: August 22, 2017

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim September 2017 National Preparedness Month in Stanislaus County

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2017-458

On motion of Supervisor Withrow, Seconded by Supervisor Olsen

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: Olsen, Withrow, Monteith, DeMartini, and Chairman Chiesa

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) Approved as recommended


2) Denied

3) Approved as amended

4) Other:

MOTION:

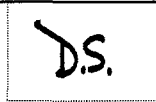
ATTEST:


ELIZABETH A. KING, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

File No.

**THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
AGENDA ITEM**

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Urgent Routine



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CEO CONCURRENCE:

4/5 Vote Required: Yes No

SUBJECT:

Approval to Proclaim September 2017 National Preparedness Month in Stanislaus County

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Approval to proclaim September 2017 National Preparedness Month in Stanislaus County.

DISCUSSION:

Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is FEMA's national annual preparedness outreach that aims to educate and empower Americans during the month of September and throughout the year to prepare for, and respond to, all types of emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks. Sponsored by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), National Preparedness Month encourages Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, and communities. Information is also provided for pet owners, seniors and individuals with access and functional needs. Resources are available in thirteen languages, including English and Spanish. Last year, the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution proclaiming September 2016 National Preparedness Month.

This year, the Office of Emergency Services is requesting that the Board of Supervisors approve a resolution proclaiming September 2017 National Preparedness Month. The theme this year is "Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can." Throughout the month, information will be disseminated via email to county employees, as well as Operational Area members and partner agencies, on how they can prepare for emergencies individually and as employees. This information will include information on what families, neighborhoods, and communities can do to be ready to respond. In addition, the Office of Emergency Services will be providing preparedness information to the public via stanemergency.com as well as through social media each week of September.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval to proclaim September 2017 National Preparedness Month encourages County employees, Operational Area members, partner agencies, and the public to take action to prepare now and throughout the year for the types of emergencies and disasters that could affect Stanislaus County.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Current Office of Emergency Services staff will create and disseminate the weekly messages during the month of September via County email, stanemergency.com, and social media. Additional duties associated with this program will be absorbed by existing staff.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PRIORITY:

Approval to proclaim September 2017 National Preparedness Month supports the Board's priority of A Safe Community by educating and encouraging Stanislaus County residents to be prepared for all types of emergencies and disasters.

STAFFING IMPACT:

Existing staff from the Office of Emergency Services will provide National Preparedness Month and *Ready* Campaign information to the County departments, Operational Area Council members and partner agencies, and the general public.

CONTACT PERSON:

Dale Skiles, Assistant Director of Emergency Services. Telephone: 209-552-3600.

ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment A – Resolution Proclaiming September 2017 National Preparedness Month

**A Resolution Proclaiming September 2017
National Preparedness Month**

WHEREAS, the 2017 Theme for “National Preparedness Month” is: Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead, You Can; and

WHEREAS, “**National Preparedness Month**” creates an important opportunity for every resident of Stanislaus County to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps, and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of Stanislaus County and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, by participating in National Preparedness Month in September 2017, the County of Stanislaus has the opportunity to join and support the Nation and State of California in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Stanislaus County are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the *Ready* campaign at www.ready.gov, which includes links to 13 languages, and become more prepared.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Stanislaus Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims September 2017 as National Preparedness Month, and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a resilient community.