



**STATE OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Texans grapple with a wide array of emergencies and natural disasters each year. Texas, due to its size and geography, is subjected to the full breadth of Mother Nature's ire. Throughout her history, Texas has endured devastating hurricanes, lethal tornadoes, scorching heat, even blinding blizzards. With regard to unforeseen emergencies, it is ultimately a question of when—not whether—they will occur. Proper preparation is therefore of the utmost importance. Though these emergencies are, in many instances, inevitable, we can indeed guard against their most severe consequences and prevent lives from being upended or cut short.

As is always the case, these great difficulties highlight Texas' toughness and togetherness. Whenever disaster strikes, Texans band together. Motivated by a desire to help their fellow man, Texans near and far have always leapt to the aid of those in need during times of emergency. In recent memory, the response to Hurricane Harvey and Winter Storm Uri demonstrates how swiftly communities rally together in times of need. Likewise, these emergencies poignantly highlight that preparedness must be assured at the state level, the local level, and the individual level. We must all develop preparedness plans and mitigate the impacts of disasters for ourselves, our families, and our communities.

To protect households and property, individuals and families should not only devise but also rehearse emergency plans. Families who want to be prepared for an emergency will create a concrete communication strategy, designate an emergency meeting location, build disaster preparedness kits, and sign up for emergency notifications. Furthermore, families must take into account their individual needs and consider the requirements of young children, elderly relatives, those with special needs, and family pets.

For any emergency preparedness plan to be complete, it must also include financial preparedness. To this end, the prudent habit of setting aside savings can guard against economic emergencies. Additionally, individuals, families, and business owners should ensure that important financial, personal, and medical records are easily accessible. With proper preparation, we can stave off the worst eventualities and ensure that our families have robust protection.

Each September, the State of Texas participates in National Preparedness Month and emphasizes the importance of emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, and communities across the Lone Star State. At this time, I encourage all Texans to beware of natural and manmade disasters alike and to take the necessary steps to prepare for them. In order to ensure a better, brighter future for the State of Texas, we must prepare today for a safer tomorrow.

Therefore, I, Greg Abbott, Governor of Texas, do hereby proclaim September 2022 to be

## **Preparedness Month**



in Texas and urge the appropriate recognition whereof.

In official recognition whereof,  
I hereby affix my signature this the  
1st day of September, 2022.

  
Governor of Texas