

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 22

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2022 AS
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a collaborative outreach effort to inform and encourage every American to prepare for all types of potential emergencies and disasters, including natural and human-caused, large and small, and particularly those we have experienced in the City of Colorado Springs: wildfires, blizzards, severe summer storms, pandemic, and floods; and

WHEREAS, every person who is prepared to respond to a disaster improves community ability to survive and recover; and reduces the burden on first responder capacity; and

WHEREAS, investing in emergency preparedness for ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce injuries, fatalities, economic loss, and the time it takes for a return to normalcy; and

WHEREAS, the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, with all its supporting partners: The Federal Emergency Management Agency Ready Campaign, and many other federal, state, county, private, and volunteer governments, organizations, and agencies, encourage individuals, businesses, and neighborhoods to prepare for emergencies by making and acting on preparedness plans; and

WHEREAS, citizens in the City of Colorado Springs have seen firsthand the value of being prepared for a disaster and having an emergency survival kit and supplies, developing family evacuation and reunification plans, and the value of knowing lifesaving information; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of City of Colorado Springs citizens have completed Community Emergency Response Team training, to include citizens from Fountain, Monument, Palmer Lake, Manitou Springs, Calhan, Ramah and Green Mountain Falls, to be prepared to act as auxiliary support in emergencies and disasters to our first responders and to the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management, with more citizen involvement needed; and

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an extension of year-round, whole community emergency preparation that includes programs like Community Emergency Response Team training and the Ready and Resilient Neighborhoods programs, and community members can also learn valuable personal preparedness skills from the websites: Ready.gov and the Pikes Peak Regional Office of Emergency Management website.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. The City Council recognizes September 2022 as National Preparedness Month and encourages all citizens, businesses and organizations to develop their own emergency preparedness plans and resources, and to work together to ensure that our community is well prepared and resilient in the face of emergencies and disasters that will happen.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk