

National Emergency Management Awareness Month Congressional Proclamation

WHEREAS, emergencies and disasters can occur unexpectedly, posing significant threats to life, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, local emergency managers, emergency managers across all sectors, community leaders, State governments, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) dedicate countless hours to developing preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation programs to protect the lives and property of all persons living in the United States and U.S. territories; and

WHEREAS, emergency managers across the United States and U.S. territories are charged with establishing and maintaining the capabilities necessary to effectively direct, coordinate, and support emergency and disaster response and recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, the mission areas of prevention, protection, mitigation, response, and recovery align with the core capabilities identified in the National Preparedness Goal; and

WHEREAS, the emergency managers serve the nation by responding to countless emergencies and disasters each year, demonstrating commitment, compassion, and professionalism in protecting the public; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of our nation's emergency managers have helped millions of community members across the United States recover, rebuild, and become more resilient in the face of adversity:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Dodge, do hereby proclaim the month of August as

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in the United States in conjunction with National Preparedness Month in September. With the support of the International Association of Emergency Managers, the National Emergency Management Association, and Big City Emergency Managers, I urge all U.S. community members to express their sincere appreciation for emergency managers in every sector who work diligently to prepare, protect, and serve our cities, counties, states, tribes, territories, regions, and organizations against all hazards and risks.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AFFIXED. DONE AT THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND PARK THIS THIRD DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

James Dodge