

Proclamation



DC PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a call to action for individuals, families, businesses, and other organizations to be prepared for disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, under the theme “Preparing for Older Adults,” National Preparedness Month 2023 will highlight disaster preparation for seniors in communities disproportionately affected by all-hazard events; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness means being educated about what to do before, during, and after a disaster and how to respond to threats from weather, terrorism, crime, and other life-threatening events; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (DC HSEMA) provides, education, training, and planning services to engage with District residents on disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the District’s ReadyDC preparedness campaign, encourages residents to “Be Aware, Make a Plan, Build an Emergency Kit, and Stay Informed” to help make communities safer and more resilient:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF WASHINGTON DC, do hereby proclaim September 2023, as “DC PREPAREDNESS MONTH” in Washington, DC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Muriel Bowser". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

