



WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is dedicated to promoting preparedness for its residents; and

WHEREAS, emergencies come in many forms, including fire, heat wave, drought, flood, hurricane, winter storms, and more; and

WHEREAS, each September, National Preparedness Month is observed nationwide, and in Rockville to raise awareness of the importance of preparedness and encourage all individuals, families, businesses, and communities to take action to be prepared for emergencies, and the 2025 theme is "**Plan Today. Ready Tomorrow;**" and

WHEREAS, the City of Rockville is committed to safeguarding the well-being of its residents, businesses, and visitors and aims to enhance the overall resilience and readiness of the community by encouraging everyone to participate in preparedness activities throughout the month, and all year long; and

WHEREAS, planning before an emergency arises will speed the recovery process. Some ways to plan ahead include preparing an emergency kit, practicing for an evacuation or sheltering in place, developing a communication plan, and signing up for emergency messages through "Alert Rockville;" and

WHEREAS, we commend first responders who courageously put themselves in harm's way to ensure our safety and recognize that the community can assist by taking steps to prepare for a disaster before one occurs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville, Maryland, do hereby proclaim **September 2025 as National Preparedness Month**, and urge the Rockville community to prepare for emergencies and spread the word regarding the importance of everyone having a plan.




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