



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the month of September is recognized by the Federal Emergency Management Association as National Preparedness Month and is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is a national leader in the field of emergency management and remains committed to ensuring Floridians are able to prepare for and recover from all disasters impacting our state; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Atlantic Hurricane Season began on June 1 and runs through November 30 with September marking the historical peak of the season; and

WHEREAS, this year the State of Florida commemorated the 30th anniversary of Hurricane Andrew, which forever changed the landscape of Florida's emergency response and hurricane preparedness efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management has distributed more than \$7 billion in disaster recovery funding, the most funding that has been paid out within three years in the Division's history, to local governments to support disaster recovery and resiliency of Florida's communities; and

WHEREAS, residents and visitors must engage in disaster preparedness because the State of Florida is subject to a variety of natural and man-made hazards; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians and visitors are encouraged to remain prepared throughout hurricane season by creating disaster preparedness plans and stocking a disaster supply kit with at least seven days of supplies for each individual and pet residing in the household; and

WHEREAS, all Florida business owners play a critical role in the recovery of their local communities and are encouraged to build a business disaster continuity plan to reduce the impact on their business and ensure their ability to re-open; and

WHEREAS, all Floridians and visitors are encouraged to identify nearby flood-prone areas and evacuation zones to better understand orders from local officials during a disaster and develop a comprehensive evacuation plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida encourages each resident and visitor to visit their County Emergency Management Department's websites and social media pages for the most up-to-date and locally significant information to create individualized disaster plans for their households.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend my support to all observing September 2022, as *Florida Preparedness Month*.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 1st day of September, in the year two thousand twenty-two.

A blue ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written over a horizontal line.

Governor