

State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, “National Preparedness Month” provides an important opportunity for residents of New York State to take critical and necessary steps that will help protect their homes, businesses, and communities in emergency situations – either natural or man-made; while state agencies continually plan and train to enhance their preparedness and response capabilities, everyone must share the responsibility to be as prepared as they can be; and

Whereas, investing in measures to ready ourselves, our families, our businesses, and our communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our state; and

Whereas, New Yorkers have recently endured some of the most severe weather events in our history – from the unprecedented power and destruction of Super Storm Sandy, to the devastation caused by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, to Winter Storm Nemo, which struck areas of Long Island soon after Sandy and, most recently, the severe storms in upstate New York and the Mohawk Valley which caused severe flooding; each time, the response of state agencies in providing essential aid to our friends and neighbors was swift and effective; and

Whereas, individuals, families, and communities across the Empire State need to be prepared for any emergency situation, and in order to achieve optimum levels of readiness, residents are encouraged to visit the New York State Aware/Prepare website at www.nyprepare.gov to review three simple steps to ensure readiness: develop an emergency plan that includes instructions for how family members can communicate with each other if lines are down, prepare a portable cache of emergency supplies, and be aware of what hazards or emergencies may impact New York’s communities; and

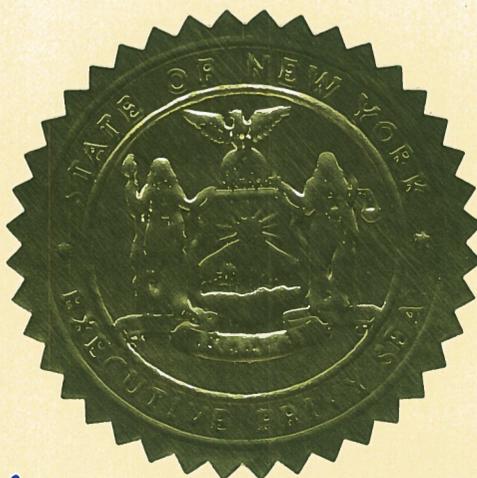
Whereas, one way our residents can become better informed of emergency situations is by registering with NY-ALERT (www.nyalert.gov), the state’s free, all-hazards alert and notification system through which state and local governments and universities can provide vital information and instructions to the public, via public websites, e-mail notifications, cell phone alerts, and other means of communication; and

Whereas, we are proud to again join with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, our sister states and territories, and hundreds of national organizations to observe National Preparedness Month and engage people nationwide in developing emergency preparedness plans; I urge New Yorkers to begin making those plans and preparations today and carry out activities throughout this month – and every day of the year – to be better prepared to meet any challenge the future might hold, to protect themselves, their loved ones, their homes, and their places of business;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2013 as

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



G i v e n under my hand and the Privy seal of the State of
the Capitol in the City of Albany this twenty-seventh
day of August in the year two thousand thirteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor