State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, New York State is proud to be a leader in preparing its citizens for any type of disaster, because all New Yorkers should be prepared to protect themselves and their family in a disaster; and

Whereas, it is essential to be prepared year-round for any type of emergency, whether it be inclement weather, active shooters, cyber-attack, or terrorism, because, as New Yorkers know, emergencies can happen anytime and anywhere, often without notice; and

Whereas, to maximize our level of safety, we must continue to work on emergency planning with our families, emergency kit-building, and educating ourselves to the risks and dangers in our communities, as well as continually explore new and innovative methods to prepare ourselves and our families for an emergency such as learning life-safety skills, how to maintain emergency savings, and learning critical risk mitigation actions such as how to shut off water and gas to the home safely; and

Whereas, New York State continues to partner with local, federal and other state organizations, including the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to help promote emergency preparedness in communities across this great nation, and to observe National Preparedness Month and this year's theme: "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How."; and

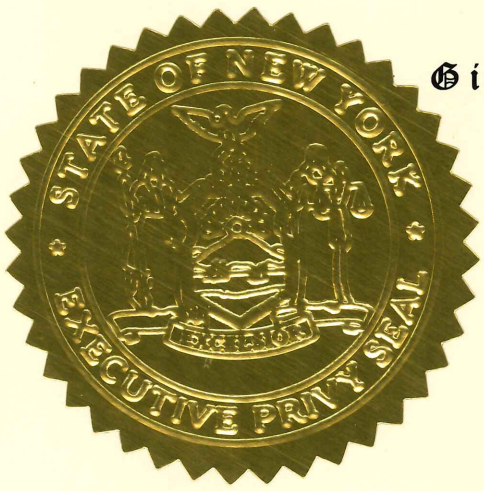
Whereas, the New York State Citizen Preparedness Corp continues its mission to train as many New York State residents in emergency preparedness as possible so they have the knowledge and tools they need to help protect themselves and their loved ones in a disaster; all New Yorkers are encouraged to attend these training events by visiting the New York State Aware/Prepare website at www.nyprepare.gov and register for emergency advisories in their area by visiting the NY-Alert website at alert.ny.gov; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers should join with their families and communities, whether it be at a home, work, school, place of worship, or community gathering place, to assess risks, formulate emergency plans, and work together towards a safer tomorrow;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2018 as

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this thirtieth day of August in the year two thousand and eighteen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa