



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, New York State continuously strives to ensure and enhance the safety of our residents by promoting and developing programs that help communities prepare for all types of emergencies – both natural and manmade; throughout our State and Nation, people are subjected to extreme weather conditions associated with various seasons and, in these modern times, the increasing threat and danger of global terrorism, as well as other crisis situations that can unexpectedly occur and cause untold destruction and harm to human life; and

**Whereas**, it is important to be prepared for any type of emergency, whether natural or made, not only to prevent injury – or worse – but to also help first responders in our community by knowing what to do when disaster strikes; and

**Whereas**, it is also important to invest in measures to prepare ourselves and our families, businesses, and communities so as to reduce human injury and loss, property damage, infrastructure damage, and economic devastation within our State and Nation; and

**Whereas**, the observance of National Preparedness Month promotes and supports efforts to increase the number of individuals, families, and communities that engage in preparedness actions at home, work, business, school, and place of worship; and

**Whereas**, we are proud to once again join the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, our sister states and territories, and hundreds of national organizations to observe National Preparedness Month and to reflect on its theme for this year – “Disasters Don’t Plan Ahead. You Can.” – which inspires people across the country to take steps to improve their levels of emergency preparedness, not just this month, but throughout the year; and

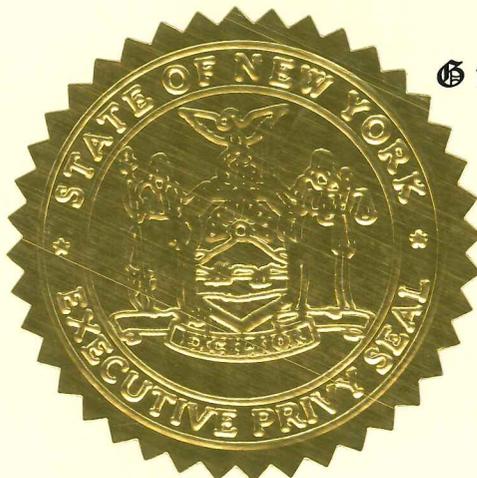
**Whereas**, the Citizen Preparedness Corp program continues to provide training to New York State residents so they have the knowledge and tools they need to prepare themselves and their loved ones for any type of disaster; all New Yorkers are encouraged to attend these training events to increase their awareness and readiness for a potential emergency, and to visit the New York State Aware/Prepare website at [www.nyprepare.gov](http://www.nyprepare.gov) and the NY-ALERT website at [www.nyalert.gov](http://www.nyalert.gov) for helpful information on how to best respond by developing plans, maintaining proper emergency supplies, and monitoring their environment more effectively; and

**Whereas**, all New Yorkers are urged to do their part to improve their ability to respond and recover from extreme weather events and other types of potential emergencies; we take this opportunity remind New Yorkers to increase their preparedness and educate themselves on how to develop emergency response plans and to conduct preparation activities throughout this month – and every day of the year – to be better prepared to meet any challenges the future might hold, in order to best protect themselves, their loved ones, their homes, and communities;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as

## PREPAREDNESS MONTH

in the Empire State.



**G i v e n** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of  
September in the year two thousand seventeen.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor  
Melissa DeRosa