



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR THE COUNTY OF BENTON**

**In the Matter of Proclaiming )  
September as National Preparedness ) Proclamation No. P2024-019  
Month in Benton County )**

National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September since 9/11, creates an ideal opportunity for community members, businesses and visitors of Benton County, Oregon to join other community members across the U.S. in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural disasters.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state and local officials and the private sector are working to prevent and respond to all types of emergencies. When individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased.

The United Nations climate study and other research indicates that the impact of climate change will lead to significantly more frequent and more severe disasters in the future.

The Benton County Sheriff’s Office – Emergency Management Division partners with federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies to inform individuals on how to take action, through our public preparedness education campaigns, and comprehensive planning and coordination efforts.

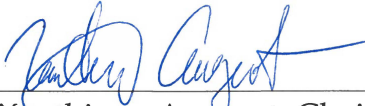
Residents, businesses, and visitors of Benton County, Oregon are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and their friends to also do so by participating in neighborhood preparedness activities, registering their contact information in the local emergency notification system, Linn-Benton ALERT, and participating in annual readiness events.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Benton County Board of Commissioners that September is National Preparedness Month in Benton County, and all community members, businesses, and visitors are encouraged to develop their own emergency preparedness plans, practice evacuation drills, and join in this observance.

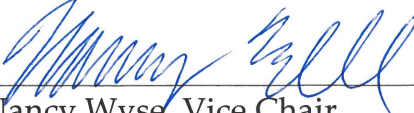
Adopted this 17th day of September, 2024.

Signed this 17th day of September, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS



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