



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

In the Matter of Proclaiming)
October 2024 as Great Shakeout) **Proclamation No. P2024-020**
Month in Benton County)

The threat of the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake will greatly affect the entire region, including the residents of Benton County, Oregon. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have identified the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake as a major national-level threat.

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 Great Oregon ShakeOut was designed to bring awareness of the threat of both crustal and subduction zone earthquakes.

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 education campaigns, and community exercises.

Residents, businesses, and visitors of Benton County, Oregon are urged to plan ahead for all disasters and encourage their family and their friends to also do so by participating in annual readiness events and drills.

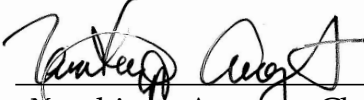
Benton County Emergency Management and the Benton County Emergency Operations Center staff will participate in the National-level Exercise, Iron OR 2024.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it proclaimed by the Benton County Board of Commissioners, that October 2024 is Great Oregon ShakeOut month, and encourage all community members, businesses, and visitors to develop their own emergency preparedness plans and practice basic earthquake safety drills such as "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" on October 17 at 10:17 AM PST.

Adopted this 15th day of October, 2024.

Signed this 15th day of October, 2024.

BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



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Pat Malone, Commissioner