

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, across the nation, September has been designated as National Preparedness Month to encourage all Americans to improve emergency preparedness in their communities; and

WHEREAS, during National Preparedness Month there is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness, and to encourage every citizen to renew their commitment to promoting emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, schools, and communities; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Oro Valley and all are urged to make preparedness a priority and take steps to protect our community before disaster strikes by learning about risk factors in order to protect against injuries, property damage, and potential economic loss in our community caused during disasters; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, the Town of Oro Valley, Oro Valley Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Pima County Office of Emergency Management along with other local, tribal, private, and volunteer agencies will engage in activities that encourage residents to take steps to make themselves and their families more resilient and better prepared for disasters and emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor of the Town of Oro Valley, Arizona, hereby proclaim the month of September 2022 to be:

PREPAREDNESS MONTH

This year's National Preparedness Month theme is, "A Lasting Legacy. The life you've built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family." Citizens, businesses, schools, and communities are able to help first responders in our community by training how to respond during an emergency and planning what to do when disaster strikes – where we live, work, and visit. Developing individualized plans, assembling emergency supply kits, learning lifesaving skills such as CPR and first aid, reviewing insurance policies and coverage for hazards, and reviewing the resources available at www.ready.gov help ensure a resilient and prepared Oro Valley.

Dated this 7th day of September 2022

Joseph C. Winfield, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Michael Standish, Town Clerk