

In the Name and by the Authority of

THE STATE OF OHIO



WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month creates an opportunity for Ohio residents to prepare their homes, businesses, schools, and communities for disasters; and

WHEREAS, investing in preparedness can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities, our state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, through its Ready Campaign, and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to educate the public about preparing for, and responding to, emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans are encouraged to prioritize health, safety, and preparedness, which coincides with this year's National Preparedness Month theme, "Prepare to Protect"; and

WHEREAS, during September, citizens of Ohio are encouraged to visit Ready.Ohio.gov and FEMA's Ready.gov for information on creating an emergency plan, building disaster supply kits, volunteering in communities, and preparing for disasters; and

WHEREAS, the third week of National Preparedness Month will focus on volunteerism, and Ohioans are encouraged to visit www.ema.ohio.gov/CERT.aspx to learn about opportunities with the Ohio Community Emergency Response Team (CERT); and

NOW, THEREFORE, We, **Mike DeWine and Jon Husted, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the State of Ohio**, do hereby encourage all citizens and businesses to develop or update their emergency preparedness plans, and work together toward creating a more prepared society as we recognize

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

throughout the month of September 2021.

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Mike DeWine
Governor



Handwritten signature of Jon Husted in blue ink.

Jon Husted
Lieutenant Governor