



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2021-39

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, National Preparedness month is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security each September to encourage Americans to prepare for Emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Prepare to Protect" aims to increase public awareness concerning the importance of preparing for emergencies and to persuade individuals to take action; and

WHEREAS, during the month of September, Charles County Emergency Services urges residents to take measures to make themselves and their families better prepared for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, being prepared includes creating an emergency supply kit containing items that will allow you and your family to survive for at least three days in the event of an emergency; developing a plan that addresses sheltering in place or evacuating the area; staying informed about different threats that could affect your community; and getting involved by training in first aid and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Services promotes emergency preparedness by maintaining Charles County's designation from the National Weather Service as "Storm Ready," coordinating Skywarn "Spotter" training from the National Weather Service and encouraging residents to sign up for the Charles County Citizen's Notification Service.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in Charles County and ask our residents to take action to be better prepared for emergencies.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., *President*

Bobby Rucci, *Vice President*
District 4

Gilbert O. Bowling, III
District 1

Thomasina O. Coates, M.S.
District 2

Amanda M. Stewart, M.Ed.
District 3



Attest:

Carol A. DeSoto, Clerk to the Commissioners