## City of Albany Proclamation

## IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2020

WHEREAS, the theme of this year's National Preparedness Month is "Disasters Don't Wait. Make your plan today."

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month creates an important opportunity for the Albany community to focus on preparing its homes, businesses, churches, schools and institutions for any type of emergency including storms, natural disasters, accidents, and pandemics; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities, prevent physical and economic damage, and aid in accelerated recovery after events in our communities and in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Ready Campaign, Citizen Corps and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of Albany and all are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents of the City of Albany are encouraged be informed, make a plan, build a kit for disasters, prepare for disasters, teach youth about preparedness, and get involved in citizen preparedness activities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Albany City Council hereby proclaims September 2020 as Preparedness Month in Albany, and encourage all residents, families, organizations and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plans, and work together toward creating a more prepared and resilient society.

Dated: September 8, 2020 NICK PILCH, MAYOR

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