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RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, fifteen years after the attacks of September 11th we reflect on our strength as a nation that has been tested by tragedy;

WHEREAS, it is every citizen's responsibility to be prepared for emergencies, whether they are natural disasters such as tornadoes or flooding, or man-made acts of terrorism and violence that can strike the United States at any time;

WHEREAS, disasters are becoming more frequent and severe as our climate changes; both urban and rural areas are feeling the devastating consequences of said disasters, including intense storms and heat waves;

WHEREAS, the month of September serves as a reminder that we must all take action to prepare, now and throughout the year, for the types of emergencies that could affect us where we live, work, and visit;

WHEREAS, as of 2012, the FEMA National Survey Report revealed that only 52% of Americans reported having supplies set aside in their homes for disaster and only 43% have a household emergency plan;

WHEREAS, "Don't Wait, Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today," is an effective national message with a continuing emphasis on preparedness for youth, older adults and people with disabilities, as well as those with access and functional needs;

WHEREAS, preparedness can be achieved by steps as simple as being informed about emergencies that affect your community, signing up for local alerts, creating an emergency plan, and having a stocked emergency kit;

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Whereas, the Cook County Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the President and Cook County Board of Commissioners that, in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, we must emphasize the importance of readying ourselves and our communities to be resilient in the face of any emergency or incident we may encounter.

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