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**“NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH”**

September is National Preparedness Month, a nationwide effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools and communities. The goal of the campaign is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action.

This Board has continued to demonstrate its commitment to emergency preparedness by supporting the County’s acclaimed Emergency Survival Program (ESP). This education campaign provides a wealth of valuable information and encourages the public to prepare for earthquakes, tsunamis, terrorism and other emergencies by taking a different preparedness action each month of the year.

The Board of Supervisors, therefore, supports the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s September National Preparedness Month Campaign and encourages all employees, residents, neighborhood organizations, businesses and schools to take advantage of the information available to them to increase their knowledge and awareness of emergency preparedness.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached proclamation which designates the month of September 2007 as “County of Los Angeles National Preparedness Month” in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, encourages residents to visit the County’s Emergency Survival Program (ESP) website at [www.espfocus.org](http://www.espfocus.org) for valuable emergency preparedness

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tips; urges all County Departments to participate in emergency preparedness activities throughout the month of September and the remainder of the year; encourages the Mayors of each City in Los Angeles County to demonstrate their support for this important public education campaign; and ensures that a copy of the proclamation is sent to the Governors of the State of California and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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