The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

A Proclamation

Whereas The Commonwealth's experience with, and susceptibility to severe weather and natural hazards such as floods, blizzards, hurricanes, and tornadoes, compounded by the continued risk of potential terrorist attacks, pandemics, and other hazards, both natural and man-made, demonstrates the ongoing need for Massachusetts to prepare for a broad range of emergencies; and

Whereas The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, which includes the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Massachusetts State Police, the Department of Fire Services, the Department of Public Safety and the Massachusetts National Guard, and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, including the Department of Public Health, have the responsibility to protect safety, minimize the loss of life and property, and protect public health by preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters or emergencies; and

Whereas The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Public Health, and other public safety partners are promoting preparedness in the month of September to highlight the importance of personal, family and community preparedness to build resilience, help reduce casualties, and minimize the economic impact in our communities and in our state; and

Whereas Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every resident of the Commonwealth and families and individuals are urged to make preparedness a priority by following four simple steps: build a kit, make a plan, be informed, and get involved; and

Whereas All residents of the Commonwealth are encouraged to participate in preparedness activities and asked to use the preparedness resources at www.mass.gov/ready,

Now, Therefore, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim September 2015, to be,

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

And urge all the citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this Twenty-Ninth Day of August, in the year two thousand and fifteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and thirty-ninth.

BY HIS EXCELLENCE

CHARLES D. BAKER
GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

KARYN E. POLITO
LT. GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts