

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month in September provides a valuable opportunity for every Pennsylvanian to learn more about hazards and the shared responsibility of being ready for emergencies year-round; and

WHEREAS, recognizing that emergencies can occur at any time and emergency preparedness starts with each of us, I urge all Pennsylvanians to *Be Informed, Be Prepared, Be Involved* by reviewing the Commonwealth's Ready PA website at www.ready.pa.gov, signing up for monthly preparedness tips, and setting aside a few minutes this month to discuss preparedness and create a family emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, county and municipal Emergency Management Coordinators (EMCs) play a vital role in protecting lives, property, and the environment by leading planning, training, coordination, public education, mitigation, response, and recovery activities in partnership with local officials, agencies, and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the dedication of EMCs includes countless hours of training, preparation, collaboration, and leadership—helping families, communities, businesses, and organizations be ready for, respond to, mitigate, and recover from all types of emergencies; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and understanding the role of EMCs enables Pennsylvanians to better partner with them in strengthening community readiness and resilience; and

WHEREAS, older adults, individuals with access and functional needs, and other vulnerable populations face unique challenges in emergencies, making tailored preparedness education and resources an essential part of statewide readiness; and

WHEREAS, by highlighting both National Preparedness Month and Emergency Management Coordinators Day, the Commonwealth reaffirms that preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation are year-round priorities and a shared responsibility between state, county, and municipal governments and the public.

THEREFORE, I, Josh Shapiro, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 2025 to be

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

and September 19, 2025, as EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATORS DAY. I urge all Pennsylvanians to take action to prepare themselves and their families, connect with their county and local emergency management coordinators, and recognize the essential work these professionals perform every day to keep our communities safe and ready.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this seventh day of September two thousand twenty-five, the year of the Commonwealth the two hundred fiftieth.

Governor Josh Shapiro