

## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH September 2023

WHEREAS, Americans have been tested by trial and tragedy since our earliest days as a young country, but no matter the hardship, we pull through and forge ahead; and

WHEREAS, preparing ourselves to meet the unknown challenges of tomorrow is a duty we all share to step up as a community to help our families and neighbors confronted with crisis and calamity; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness Month was created to emphasize the importance of readying ourselves and our communities to be resilient in the face of any emergency we may encounter; and

WHEREAS, simple yet proactive steps such as signing up for local alerts, checking insurance coverage, documenting valuables, creating a plan for emergency communication and evacuation, and having a fully stocked disaster supply kit on hand can improve the chances of survival; and

WHEREAS, community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community – individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, we pay tribute to our courageous first responders who rush to the scene of disasters for their dedication to our safety and security, no matter the price.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I Joe Marine, Mayor of the City of Mukilteo, hereby declare September 2023 as *Emergency Preparedness Month* and encourage all residents to prepare for emergencies, help those affected by disasters and participate in helping to rebuild their communities to be better, stronger and more resilient.

Signed this 5th Day of September, 2023

Joe Marine Mayor