

**MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
COUNTY EXECUTIVE
COUNTY OF PLACER**

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rich Colwell, Chief Assistant County Executive
By Anita Yoder, Public Information Officer

DATE: September 20, 2006

SUBJECT: **PROCLAMATION: Approve a proclamation recognizing September as Placer County Emergency Preparedness Month**

ACTION REQUESTED

Approve a proclamation recognizing September as Placer County Emergency Preparedness Month.

BACKGROUND

Because of its diverse geography, Placer County has a significant potential for emergencies, most commonly floods, fires and serious winter storms. However, many other kinds of emergencies are also possible, including human-caused situations such hazardous material incidents, transportation accidents and criminal behavior. Public health emergencies are also possible, such as pandemic flu.

Residents should be prepared to cope with emergencies, storing supplies such as non-perishable food and water, flashlights and batteries to help sustain them for a minimum of 72 hours, but potentially much longer in a severe situation. Residents should also learn skills such as CPR and first aid, and should make a plan for how family members will reunite should they be separated as an emergency unfolds.

The Placer County Office of Emergency Services has materials available to assist residents in personal emergency planning, as does the Governor's Office of Emergency Services and the American Red Cross. Recently new materials have been added to the Placer County Emergency Services Web page, at www.placer.ca.gov. Additionally, groups may request presentations on emergency preparedness.

FISCAL IMPACT

None

COUNTY OF
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Board of Supervisors

PROCLAMATION



**In the matter of a Proclamation recognizing
September 2006 as Placer County Emergency Preparedness Month.**

The following Proclamation was adopted by the Placer County Board of Supervisors this 26th day of September, 2006, all members present voting aye:

**Bill Santucci, District One; Robert M. Weygandt, District Two; Jim Holmes, District Three;
Edward "Ted" M. Gaines, District Four; and Bruce Kranz, District Five**

WHEREAS, Placer County recognizes the significant potential for both natural and human-caused emergencies occurring within its borders, as evidenced by state, local and federally-declared emergencies that have happened in recent years; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by emergencies such as fires, floods and earthquakes can destroy businesses and homes and test the will of citizens; and

WHEREAS, the destructive effects of these tragedies can be minimized with proper preparation and collaboration between individuals and the communities in which they live; and

WHEREAS, the Placer County Operational Area Office of Emergency Services works closely with local agencies to be prepared for emergencies, developing plans, training staff, conducting emergency exercises and evaluating future challenges; and

WHEREAS, residents should take seriously the need for personal emergency preparedness by storing emergency supplies, learning lifesaving first aid and CPR skills, and developing family emergency plans; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Department of Homeland Security has designated September 2006 as National Preparedness Month and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services has hosted a "Day of Preparedness".

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED THAT, the Placer County Board of Supervisors strongly encourages residents to become prepared for emergencies and to obtain personal and family preparedness information through the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, the Placer County Office of Emergency Services and the American Red Cross.



Bill Santucci
Chairman

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