



**WHEREAS,** National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September since 9/11, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of McKinney to prepare their home, business, and community for any type of emergency including natural, technological, and human caused; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2021 National Preparedness Month theme is “Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love,” and corresponding weekly messaging includes: Make a Plan; Build a Kit; Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness; and Teach Youth About Preparedness; and

**WHEREAS,** during an emergency, every second counts, and emergency preparedness programs educate individuals and families on how to prepare before, during, and after a disaster, because planning now, before a disaster, is the best way to improve community resiliency and foster a quicker return towards normalcy following a disaster; and

**WHEREAS,** the McKinney Office of Emergency Management partners with federal, state, local, private, civic, faith-based, non-profits, and volunteer agencies to educate individuals and businesses on local hazards, how to prepare for them, and how to take-action through its KnoWhat2Do! disaster public education campaign, and Community Emergency Response Team volunteer program; and

**WHEREAS,** emergency preparedness is the responsibility of everyone and all McKinney residents are encouraged to plan ahead for emergencies and disasters by picking up a KnoWhat2Do! preparedness bag at the Ron and Helen Hall Memorial Library or the John and Judy Gay Public Library during the month of September, engaging family members in preparedness discussions and activities, and visiting the City’s preparedness website at [www.mckinneyoem.org](http://www.mckinneyoem.org) for essential preparedness tips and information.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE C. FULLER, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2021 AS**

## **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

**IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS DAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021.**

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George C. Fuller, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Empress Drane, City Secretary