



WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, observed every September since 9/11, is an ideal opportunity for every resident of McKinney to prepare their homes, businesses, and community for any type of emergency, whether natural, technological, or human caused; and

WHEREAS, the McKinney 2025 Preparedness Month theme is *Live Ready*. Weekly messaging will focus on: Making preparedness a daily habit. Committing to personal responsibility in preparedness and self-reliance. Practicing preparedness; and Building resilience through practical skills. During an emergency, every second counts, and emergency preparedness programs help individuals and families know what to do before, during, and after a disaster. Planning now, before a disaster is the best way to improve community resilience and foster a quicker return towards normalcy; 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! public education campaign, and Community Emergency Response Team volunteer program; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is everyone's responsibility. All McKinney residents are encouraged to plan for emergencies and disasters by picking up a KnoWhat2Do! preparedness bag at the John and Judy Gay Public Library and east side library outreach program locations during the month of September, and by engaging family members in preparedness discussions and activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL COX, BY THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MCKINNEY, TEXAS, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SEPTEMBER 2025 AS

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

IN MCKINNEY, TEXAS, WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL THIS DAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025.

BILL COX, Mayor

ATTEST:

EMPRESS DRANE, City Secretary