

## **PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, September has been designated by the President of the United States of America as "National Preparedness Month," which coincides with the City of Renton's "Ready in Renton" emergency preparedness campaign; and

WHEREAS, Renton has experienced natural and human-caused disasters in the past, and scientific evidence indicates the city and the region remain vulnerable to disasters in the future; and

WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, our businesses, and our neighborhoods can reduce injuries, fatalities, and economic devastation from disasters; and

WHEREAS, the basic steps of emergency preparedness are the same for everyone: make a plan, build a kit, and help one another to become self-sufficient for up to two weeks; and

WHEREAS, because staying informed is a vital part of responding appropriately to emergencies, Renton community members are encouraged to locate and bookmark their sources of emergency information in advance at rentonwa.gov, to sign up for ALERT Renton, and to follow the city's social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and NextDoor; and

WHEREAS, there is great language diversity within the community, and Renton residents and businesses are encouraged to share translated information at bit.ly/PreparednessPublications with their neighbors, and to relay any emergency messages to help their neighbors understand and take appropriate life-saving actions; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Preparedness Academy and the Community Emergency Response Team classes are ways for the public to educate themselves on basic preparedness skills including fire suppression, first aid, search and rescue, and more;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Armondo Pavone, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim September 2023 to be

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in the City of Renton, and I encourage all residents to formulate a preparedness plan.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 25th day of September, 2023.

Armondo Ravone, Mayor City of Renton, Washington

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