

Proclamation

National Preparedness Month

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month has occurred annually in September since 9/11 and creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of Sunol in Alameda County, California, to join citizens across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural and man-made disasters; and

WHEREAS, Sunol has recently faced multiple overlapping emergencies with COVID-19 and the SCU Lightening Complex Fire; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeland Security announced the 2020 National Preparedness Month theme of "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today"; and

WHEREAS, planning now, before a disaster, is the best way to improve community recovery from disasters; and

WHEREAS, when individuals take responsibility for preparing their families and their communities, the chance of survival and return to normalcy following a disaster is greatly increased; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County informs the community on how to take action, through its public education campaigns, and volunteer programs, such as Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service; and

WHEREAS, the Sunol Citizen Advisory Council and Alameda County continue to partner with Diablo FireSafe Council, working on local initiatives such as Good to Go Sunol! How to get ready, stay informed and evacuate from wildfire at website: GoodToGoWildfire.com; and

WHEREAS, all residents of Sunol and throughout Alameda County, are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and their friends to also do so by participating in neighborhood preparedness activities, registering their contact information in the ACAlert mass notification system, and visiting the County's preparedness campaign website at: ready.acgov.org for essential preparedness tips and information; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the SUNOL CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL of the County of Alameda, State of California, in a regular session assembled on September 16, 2020, hereby joins counties across the country to proclaim National Preparedness Month, and calls on all government agencies, private organizations, and the people and businesses of Sunol to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a stronger, more resilient community. Prepare a disaster supply kit. Create a family emergency plan. Know the hazards.