



**Health & Human Services
Agency
COUNTY OF TULARE
AGENDA ITEM**

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AGENDA DATE: September 17, 2013

Public Hearing Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Published Notice Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advertised Published Notice	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Meet & Confer Required	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Electronic file(s) has been sent	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Personnel Resolution attached	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s)	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	N/A <input type="checkbox"/>
CONTACT PERSON: Andrew Lockman		PHONE: 624-8000

SUBJECT: Proclamation of September 2013 as “National Preparedness Month” in Tulare County.

REQUEST(S):
That the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a resolution proclaiming September, 2013 as “National Preparedness Month” in Tulare County.

SUMMARY:
Since September, 2004, “National Preparedness Month” has been observed in the Nation and has encouraged Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, schools, and communities. 2013 will mark the tenth annual “National Preparedness Month”, and this year’s theme is “You Can Be The Hero.” Proclaiming this month in Tulare County will affirm our county’s solidarity with national preparedness objectives of preventing, protecting, responding to, and recovering from disasters – whether natural or man-made.

National surveys have shown that only 53% of Americans are assembling emergency supply kits, only 11% of American families actually developed an emergency plan, and only 13% of Americans are knowledgeable of the potential hazards that exist in their communities. Tulare County employees and residents can help improve those statistics by learning how to assemble economical emergency supply kits, making a simple emergency plan that will address responses to the potential hazards, and learning about the potential hazards that we face.

Tulare County asks that residents consider assembling and regularly re-assessing

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an emergency supply kit that contains items essential to survival in the first days following a disaster. Kits should include all supplies necessary to be self-sufficient for at least 3 days, which at a minimum includes non-perishable food; one gallon of water per person and pet, per day; prescription medications; first aid supplies; hand sanitizer; comfort and personal care items; and any essential supplies and equipment for the care of children, pets, the elderly, and anyone with disabilities or functional needs.

We further encourage residents and businesses to learn about local and regional hazards. The State of California provides a free, easy-to-use MyHazards website, at <http://myhazards.calema.ca.gov/>, that allows individuals to explore hazards and appropriate preparedness actions for their location. Tulare County has also published a Disaster Preparedness Guide, with digital copies in English and Spanish available on the Office of Emergency Services’ website, at <http://oes.tularecounty.ca.gov/>.

Tulare County encourages residents and businesses to consider their hazards when making, exercising, and maintaining their emergency plans, so that they know what actions to take before, during, and after a disaster. These plans should also incorporate the needs of children, pets, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities, access, and/or functional needs. Many meaningful volunteer opportunities are available for those who are interested in contributing their time, expertise, and/or other resources to helping their community prepare for, respond to, and recover from the impacts of disasters.

Finally, Tulare County asks that residents register their contact information, especially cell phone numbers, with AlertTC, Tulare County’s Emergency Notification System (ENS). Providing one’s contact information is the best way to ensure receipt of time-sensitive, location-based emergency alerts across multiple communications means, including voice, text message, email, fax, smartphone application, and TDD/TTY (for hearing impaired). AlertTC is capable of rapidly delivering large volumes of emergency notifications to these devices, which may contain information critical to reducing injury and loss of life for those in harm’s way.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

No net county cost.

LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:

The County’s five-year strategic plan includes the Safety and Security initiative, to plan and provide coordinated emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation capabilities for both natural and man-made disasters. By proclaiming “National Preparedness Month,” Tulare County is promoting a collaborative, whole-community awareness and education effort to mitigate the impact of disasters and reduce or prevent injury, suffering, or death of residents following a disaster.

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ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:

Cheryl L. Duerksen, Ph.D.
Agency Director

Cc: Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s) Proclamation

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF: PROCLAMATION OF)
SEPTEMBER 2013 AS "NATIONAL) Resolution No. _____
PREPAREDNESS MONTH" IN TULARE) Agreement No. _____
COUNTY.)

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR _____, SECONDED BY
SUPERVISOR _____, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD _____
_____, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: _____
Deputy Clerk

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