

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**  
**2021 Legislative Session**

Resolution No. CR-095-2021

Proposed by Council Member Taveras

Introduced by Council Members Taveras, Anderson-Walker, Harrison, Dernoga, Hawkins,  
Franklin, Turner, Ivey, Glaros, and Davis

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction September 21, 2021

**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 National Preparedness Month

3 For the purpose of recognizing September as National Preparedness Month 2021 and providing  
 4 information on preparing for a disaster.

5 Whereas, Each year Maryland experiences a variety of emergencies and natural disasters  
 6 that pose significant dangers to our communities and affect the lives of many Marylanders;

7 Whereas, Facing the pandemic, damaging floods or drought, winter weather, or the lasting  
 8 effects of Hurricane Ida, it is vital that Marylanders remain prepared for any disaster;

9 Whereas, We have seen communities across Maryland, band together to support their  
 10 fellow neighbors in the face of disaster. Our individual and collective preparedness is vital to  
 11 handle any threats and reduce the loss of life and property. It is imperative that we all work  
 12 together to develop preparedness plans which can help minimize the impact of disaster for  
 13 ourselves, our families, and our communities;

14 Whereas, Individuals and families are encouraged to develop and practice emergency plans  
 15 to protect their household and property by taking time to create a communication strategy, decide  
 16 on an emergency meeting location, build a three-day disaster preparedness kit, and sign up for  
 17 emergency alerts;

18 Whereas, Additional preparedness considerations should be taken with regards to young  
 19 children, Marylanders who are older, individuals with access and functional needs, those with  
 20 medical devices, and family pets;

21 Whereas, Preparedness plans should also include financial preparedness. Saving money is

22 the best defense against disasters. Individuals, families, and business owners should ensure they  
23 have access to financial, insurance, and medical records;

24 Whereas, Property owners in flood-prone areas are encouraged to research and consider  
25 obtaining flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program, as well as review any  
26 existing policies;

27 Whereas, During National Preparedness Month, we also recognize the bravery and the  
28 sacrifices of our first responders, who are our first line of defense in so many crises. This month,  
29 as we commemorate the 20th anniversary of the horrific terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001,  
30 we honor the lives that were lost and the heroism that was displayed by both first responders and  
31 ordinary citizens, and we reaffirm our responsibility to “never forget;” and

32 Whereas, We can mitigate the lasting and damaging effects of disasters by staying  
33 prepared. Each September, the State of Maryland participates in National Preparedness Month  
34 and renews our commitment to promoting emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, and  
35 communities across the State.

36 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's  
37 County, Maryland, that the Prince George's County Council recognizes September as National  
38 Preparedness Month.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
40 Maryland, that the Prince George's County Council:

41 (1) Encourages all Marylanders to remain mindful of both natural and manmade disasters.

42 As the conditions of potential threats can change rapidly, it is essential to understand  
43 and heed warnings from local officials and emergency management personnel.

44 (2) Continues to ask all Prince Georgians to get vaccinated, turn on emergency alerts on  
45 their smartphones, pack an emergency go-bag, and encourage others in your  
46 community to do the same.

47 (3) Encourages Marylanders in getting prepared and urge them to visit the Federal  
48 Emergency Management Agency's Ready campaign at [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) or  
49 [www.Listo.gov](http://www.Listo.gov) for Spanish-speakers for free information and resources to help all  
50 “Prepare to Protect.”

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2021.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Calvin S. Hawkins, II  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council