



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, "National Preparedness Month" creates an important opportunity for every resident of Whatcom County to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural disasters and potential terrorist attacks; and

**WHEREAS**, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps, and other federal, state, local, tribal, territorial, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and

**WHEREAS**, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen in Whatcom County and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and


**WHEREAS**, all citizens of Whatcom County are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to visit the websites of the *Ready* campaign at [www.Whatcomready.org](http://www.Whatcomready.org) and become more prepared.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Whatcom County hereby proclaims September, 2013 as

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and encourages all citizens and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, requests all County departments establish their disaster plans for Whatcom County continuity of operations, mandates all County employees to prepare for their role as Emergency Workers as outlined in RCW 38.52; WAC 118, and all citizens to work together toward creating a more prepared society.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> Day of September 2013

  
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Jack Louws  
County Executive

