



# Proclamation



**WHEREAS**, San Diegans have experienced the effects of disasters including devastating wildland fires, severe flooding, and extreme summer heat, at times resulting in loss of life and damages; and

**WHEREAS**, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from disasters requires a strong network of community partners across San Diego jurisdictions, and that includes an important partnership with residents and businesses to ensure they are safe and prepared for emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of National City recognizes the crucial role that staff and volunteer emergency management professionals, first responders, county, cities, special districts, tribes, nonprofit and military partners contribute to helping reduce our risks and impacts of emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) plays a critical role in times of disaster by providing disaster relief and assistance, organizing trainings on disaster response skills as well as promoting disaster preparedness planning with volunteers and San Diego communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The CERT volunteers have supported: disaster recovery in San Diego County, people with immediate needs, supplying resources, aid, compassion, and support to those who evacuated and to those who lost their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, September is National Preparedness Month, and together, we must all commit to preparing our families and communities for disasters, to ensure we are safer and more resilient; therefore, the City of National City encourages all residents to be disaster prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, Preparedness Month serves as a reminder to ask "How prepared are you and your neighbors?" and therefore we remind residents to join National City CERT and learn what to do before, during, and after major emergencies to mitigate injuries, loss of life, and property damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the National City Fire Department will be providing a Spanish CERT Academy starting on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for National City residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and City Council commend National City CERT Members Randi Castle, Alma Verdugo, and Guadalupe Escalante for their dedication to assisting with distributing sandbags and setting up a temporary shelter for National City residents during Hurricane Hilda.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Ron Morrison as Mayor of the City of National City, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, do hereby set my hand and affix the official seal and together with the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of September 2023 as:

## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**Ron Morrison**  
MAYOR

**Luz Molina**  
Vice-Mayor

**Marcus Bush**  
Councilmember

**Jose Rodriguez**  
Councilmember

**Ditas Yamane**  
Councilmember