



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September, creates an ideal opportunity for every resident of Valdez to join citizens across the United States in preparing their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency, including natural, technological, and human-caused; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced the 2023 Emergency Preparedness Month theme of “Take Control in 1, 2, 3” – a campaign focused on preparing older adults for disasters, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, that continue to threaten the nation; and

WHEREAS, planning now – before a disaster- is the best way to improve community resiliency from disaster; and

WHEREAS, we commit, as a community, to non-discrimination and equitable citizen participation for and responding to disasters; and

WHEREAS, when residents working together with the government 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, the City of Valdez partners with federal, state, local, tribal, private, nonprofit, and community agencies and organizations to educate the citizens of Valdez on local hazards and natural disasters and how to prepare for them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Valdez – Emergency & Disaster Management Department informs residents on how to take action and receive services through a variety of programs, campaigns, and initiatives; and

WHEREAS all residents of Valdez are urged to plan ahead for disasters and encourage their family and friends to do so by visiting the City of Valdez Emergency and Disaster Management website at <https://www.valdezak.gov/650/Individual-Family-Safety-Planning> for essential preparedness tips and information.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Valdez City Council does hereby proclaim September, 2023 as:

Emergency Preparedness Month

and encourage the community to observe this month by preparing for emergencies before they occur in Valdez.

Dated this 5th day of September, 2023.

CITY OF VALDEZ, ALASKA

Sharon Scheidt, Mayor

ATTEST

Sheri L. Pierce, MMC, City Clerk