

# Proclamation



## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

SEPTEMBER 2012

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is an annual campaign to encourage Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, schools, organizations, businesses and communities; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness programs train citizens on how to respond to situations in the event there is a disaster, how to make their communities safer, and how to address threats of terrorism, crime, and other potential life threatening circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA) spearheads efforts to promote preparedness by providing ongoing services to include education, outreach, training and planning to prepare before, during and after emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the District of Columbia partners with emergency responders in Maryland and Virginia to strengthen emergency readiness and coordination within the National Capital Region, as well as encourages residents and visitors to assume personal responsibility in preparing for emergencies by being aware, informed, develop a family plan and an emergency Go-Kit:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THE MAYOR OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as "EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH" in Washington, DC and call upon all the residents of this great city to join me in efforts to ensure effective emergency preparedness and understanding the importance of preparing for all potential emergencies.

*Vincent C. Gray*

