

## Governor's Office

## **PROCLAMATION**

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN PENNSYLVANIA September 2009

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month provides a valuable opportunity for every Pennsylvanian to learn more about ways to prepare for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every American; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth is encouraging all citizens to Be Informed, Be Prepared, Be Involved; and

WHEREAS, all Pennsylvanians can take a few simple steps such as assembling a preparedness kit and creating a family emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, local officials, and other federal, state, and county task forces as well as the private sector are working to deter, prevent, and respond to all types of emergencies, including man-made threats and natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, these activities, along with programs like Citizen Corps and others, contribute to a level of community unity and national preparedness that is critical to securing our Commonwealth and our nation; and

WHEREAS, as we observe National Preparedness Month, I urge all citizens to participate in preparedness activities and to review the Commonwealth's ReadyPA campaign website at www.readypa.org or www.listo.gov (Spanish) for more information.

THEREFORE, I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby proclaim September 2009 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN PENNSYLVANIA. I call upon the citizens of the Commonwealth to recognize the importance of preparing for all potential emergencies, and to celebrate this month with appropriate events, activities, and preparedness programs.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, on this seventh day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Commonwealth the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

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EDWARD G. RENDELL Governor