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Snohomish County Proclaims September Disaster Preparedness Month in Snohomish County

On Wednesday August 30th, 2017, the Snohomish County Council passed a joint resolution along with the County Executive naming September 1, 2017 – September 30, 2017 Disaster Preparedness Month in Snohomish County. The National Preparedness Month was started in 2004 as an effort to educate and empower individuals, families, and communities to prepare for emergencies and disasters.

“Disaster preparedness is so critical in our communities. We have learned from previous events and especially the Oso disaster, that in addition to government’s response, the preparation and efforts of local communities and families can make all the difference in the aftermath of an emergency,” said Chair Sullivan.

“We must prepare for danger and disasters that we hope will never come,” said Vice Chair Stephanie Wright. “The preparations of Emergency Management, first responders and individual citizens will help us meet these challenges as we face them.”

Snohomish County has experienced emergency and disaster events including floods, windstorms, mudslides, fires, and earthquakes. First responders may not have the ability to reach all areas of the county quickly, so it is important that individuals and communities take steps to prepare themselves should such an event occur.

Added Councilmember Terry Ryan, “Every family should have food and emergency supplies stocked at their homes in case of a disaster event. It is important to have supplies and a plan in place to help care for yourself, your family and your community.”

Councilmember Sam Low added, “In light of the tragedy affecting our fellow citizens in Houston, we are reminded that any area or region could be struck by a disaster. We should all be as prepared as possible to help our neighbors.”

“We live in one of the most beautiful areas of the state which also exposes us to the potential for natural disaster,” added Councilmember Nate Nehring. “It is crucial that we prepare individually and with our neighbors to be ready for whatever comes our way.”

Snohomish County’s Department of Emergency Management’s mission is to lessen the impact of disasters on people, property, the environment, and the economy. The department coordinates preparedness and training activities for city and county staff, first responders, partner agencies, and community members annually. Snohomish County Government encourages all those who work, live and play in Snohomish County to Make a Plan, Build a Kit, Stay Informed, and Get Involved.