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September is Preparedness Month in Iowa

Johnson County, Iowa – Governor Kim Reynolds has proclaimed September as Preparedness Month in Iowa.

“This past summer’s severe weather and flooding are a reminder that disasters can, and do, happen in our state and that is why I have proclaimed September as Preparedness Month in Iowa,” said Reynolds. “I am asking Iowans to take steps now to prepare themselves, their families, their places of business, and their communities for any emergency.”

In Iowa, Preparedness Month is sponsored by the Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEMD), the Iowa Emergency Management Association (IEMA), the Safeguard Iowa Partnership (SIP) and the National Weather Service (NWS).

During Preparedness Month Johnson County EMA is urging Iowans to take simple steps to ensure they and their families are prepared. Those steps are creation of an emergency plan; build an emergency kit, and being aware of hazards in your area. For more on the three simple steps to preparedness, visit www.beready.iowa.gov and be certain to follow our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/johnsoncountyiowaema/> as we promote preparedness throughout the month. Johnson County EMA will be communicating the weekly themes through that site and sharing tidbits of information on local efforts and ways you can be better prepared.

Iowa’s Preparedness Month is held in conjunction with National Preparedness Month, which was created by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in an effort to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies.

For more information on Preparedness Month sponsors, visit:

www.beready.iowa.gov

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http://www.johnson-county.com/dept_emergency.aspx?id=737

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