

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

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## NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, September 2021 is National Preparedness Month, as declared by the Department of Homeland Security; and

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month seeks to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to be better prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, preparedness goes beyond fire alarms, deadbolt locks, and extra food; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County's Department of Public Safety Communications and Emergency Management and the Emergency Preparedness Advisory Commission (EPAC) are encouraging Arlingtonians to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools; and

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is an opportunity for all residents and employees to prepare for emergencies; and


**WHEREAS**, Arlington County encourages residents to be informed about different threats, make an emergency supply kit, create a family emergency communications plan, and get involved in protecting our community; and

**WHEREAS**, preparedness is everyone's responsibility;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Matthew de Ferranti, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2021 as

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in Arlington County and urge all citizens to take steps to protect themselves and their loved ones by preparing for emergencies.



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Matt de Ferranti  
Chair

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