

News Release from: Oregon Office of Emergency Management
Media Advisory: SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
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Oregon Governor John Kitzhaber has issued a Governor's Proclamation announcing September as National Preparedness Month. The proclamation declares the month as an opportunity for Oregonians to learn more about how to prepare for all types of emergencies.

"The Oregon Military Department's Office of Emergency Management has made it a top priority to conduct outreach and educate the citizens of Oregon on the importance of preparing for emergencies," states the Governor's declaration.

The proclamation adds that communities in Oregon are working to train, educate, equip and prepare for potential disasters.

"The office of emergency management has a variety of programs focusing on preparation, response, recovery and mitigation that help Oregon stay safe and prepared," said Office of Emergency Management Director Dave Stuckey. "This proclamation is a great opportunity to highlight the importance of preparation at an individual and community level."

Visit <http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/OEM> for information about emergency management programs in Oregon or www.Ready.gov to learn more about the risks facing communities, and learn more about how you can prepare.

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Tracy Miller with the Oregon Office of Emergency Management manages a public display focusing on emergency management and disaster preparedness at the Oregon State Fair, Aug. 27, prior to National Disaster Preparedness Month. The Office of Emergency Management had a variety of displays and giveaways to inform and educate public about family and individual disaster preparedness and different disaster preparation, response, recovery and mitigation programs in Oregon.