



PROCLAMATION

National Preparedness Month September 2026

WHEREAS, Douglas County has endured more than its fair share of disasters and emergencies, including the 1959 Roseburg Blast, 1962 Columbus Day Storm, 1964 Christmas Flood; 1969 Severe Winter Storm; 1974 Flood; 2002 Tiller Complex Fire; 2019 "Snowmageddon,"; 2015 UCC Shooting; 2020 Archie Creek Fire, and 2025 March Flood event; and

WHEREAS, Douglas County residents are all too familiar with the reality that disasters and emergencies can strike anytime, anywhere, and often without warning, threatening lives, property, and the well-being of our communities; and

WHEREAS, preparedness is a shared responsibility that requires the active involvement of individuals, families, businesses, community organizations, and local government to ensure our communities are ready to respond to and recover from emergencies of all kinds; and

WHEREAS, **National Preparedness Month**, observed each September, serves as an important reminder of the value of preparedness and provides an opportunity for all residents to take meaningful steps to improve their personal, family, and community readiness; and

WHEREAS, the **2026 theme for National Preparedness Month**, "**Americans Stand Ready**," emphasizes resourcefulness, civic responsibility, and individual readiness; and

WHEREAS, the **Douglas County Emergency Management Department**, working directly with Douglas County Commissioners and alongside local, state, and federal partners, provides public education, outreach, training, and other resources to empower and equip residents with the tools and knowledge needed for effective preparedness, response, and recovery; and

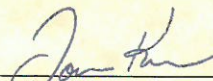
WHEREAS, we recognize and commend the commitment of citizens, community organizations, first responders, and emergency management professionals who work tirelessly to build safer, more resilient communities and to ensure that families, neighborhoods, businesses, and our entire community are better prepared for any emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that all Douglas County residents take time during **National Preparedness Month** to assess their risks, develop emergency plans, build emergency supply kits, and stay informed about potential hazards; and

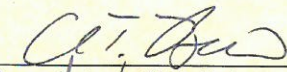
WHEREAS, we take pride in the citizens, organizations, and agencies represented here today who have stepped forward in support of our shared mission to promote preparedness and strengthen the resilience of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners—Tom Kress, Chris Boice, and Tim Freeman do hereby proclaim the month of **September 2026** as **National Preparedness Month in Douglas County**, and encourage all residents, families, agencies, and businesses to develop their own emergency preparedness plan, and work together toward creating a more prepared, safer and more resilient community.

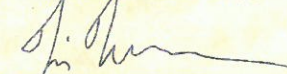
DATED THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026



Commissioner Tom Kress, Chair



Commissioner Chris Boice



Commissioner Tim Freeman

