



Leading the Way Forward

Congressional Co-Chair  
"National Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the importance of public emergency preparedness and to encourage the people of the United States to take steps to be better prepared for emergencies at home, work, and school."  
Senate Resolution 583

Together Senators and Representatives led the effort to increase public awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness on Capitol Hill and throughout the country:



The Honorable Joseph Lieberman  
Chairman, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs



The Honorable Peter King  
Chairman, House Committee on Homeland Security



The Honorable Gus Bilirakis  
Chairman, House Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications



The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton  
Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management



The Honorable Susan Collins  
Ranking Member, Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs



The Honorable Ben Ray Lujan  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Homeland Security



The Honorable Loretta Richardson  
Ranking Member, House Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response and Communications



The Honorable Mark L. Pryor  
Chairman Senate Subcommittee on Disaster Relief and Intergovernmental



The Honorable John L. M. Chafee  
Chairman, Committee on Transportation



The Honorable Jeff T. Sessions  
Chairman, House Committee on Energy and Commerce



# FEMA

## National Preparedness Month



This year's wildfires, hurricanes and preparedness is never done, and is Prepare, urged citizens to take pre make a plan, build a kit." FEMA Coalition but also to lead more engaged more than 1.58 million

This after action report provided September. One victory for the Preparedness Coalition, with organizing more than 1,500 events, drills, and activities publicly demonstrated their support of NPM, first launched FEMA's first Youth Preparedness Council engaged in preparedness activities. You'll see high community-based partners were steadfast in prep numbers.

This year was also marked by strategic fortified preparedness resources, and messaging. In part <http://www.ready.gov/today> flanked by the law encouraging citizens to learn more about post announcement with the ESPN reached sport prepared employees in the workplace.

Our regional offices, as always, were instrumental to our state and local partners, proving that

Together we made significant progress. Throughout the year. We remain confident building a prepared nation will be realized contributions. We appreciate your part



## Presidential Proclamation -- National Preparedness Month, 2012

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH, 2012  
BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION



As thousands of our fellow Americans respond to and recover from the damage done by Hurricane Isaac, we are called to remember that throughout our history, emergencies and natural disasters have tested the fabric of our country. During National Preparedness Month, we renew our commitment to promoting emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, and communities nationwide, and to building an America more ready and resilient than ever before.

Each of us has an important role to play in bolstering our preparedness for disasters of all types -- from cyber incidents and acts of terrorism to tornadoes and flooding. That is why my Administration is pursuing an approach to emergency management that engages the whole community -- from Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to the private sector, nonprofits, faith based organizations, and the general public.

I encourage all Americans to visit [www.Ready.gov](http://www.Ready.gov) or [www.Listen.gov](http://www.Listen.gov) to learn more about the risks facing their communities, find out what they can do to prepare, and join thousands of individuals from coast to coast by becoming a member of the National Preparedness Coalition. Individuals and families can also take action by building a disaster supply kit with food, water, and essential supplies in case of emergency, and by developing and sharing an emergency plan with their loved ones.

As cities and towns across our country recover from natural disasters that have spanned historic drought to devastating wildfires and storms, we are reminded of the spirit of resilience that binds us together as one people and as one American family. This month, let us honor that spirit by standing with all those affected by recent severe weather, as well as past disasters, and by taking the steps we can to protect our loved ones and our communities before disaster strikes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim September 2012 as National Preparedness Month. I encourage all Americans to recognize the importance of preparedness and observe this month by working together to enhance our national security, resilience, and readiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirty-first day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-seventh.