PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2009 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, President Obama has continued the tradition started in 2004 of declaring September as National Preparedness Month to increase public awareness about emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano has stated, "Preparedness is a shared responsibility that begins with the American people"; and

WHEREAS, Federal Emergency Management Agency Administrator Fugate has stated, "Emergency response is a team effort, and the most important member of that team is the public"; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Brisbane can prepare themselves by:

- Getting an emergency supply kit
- Making a family emergency plan
- Becoming informed about different emergencies that may affect them
- Getting involved in community preparedness and response efforts; and

WHEREAS, opportunities to obtain information and get involved include:

- Visiting websites such as www.ready.gov
- Calling 1-800-BE-READY
- Attending the San Mateo County Disaster Preparedness Day fair on September 12
- Visiting the city's Public Safety Booth at the Community Festival on October 3
- Participation in the Brisbane Community Emergency Volunteers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Brisbane does hereby proclaim September 2009, "National Preparedness Month," and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations to evaluate and update their plans for the aftermath of a large-scale emergency.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2009.

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Mayor of the City of Brisbane