PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 2008 AS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort first sponsored in 2004 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to underscore the important civic responsibilities Americans have to be ready for emergencies in our homes, businesses, and communities; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared September 2008 as National Preparedness Month; and

WHEREAS, those with the capacity and wherewithal to help themselves must do so in advance, so that in the event of an emergency, responders can first assist those who are unable to tend to themselves; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Brisbane can prepare themselves by getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, becoming informed about the different emergencies that may affect them, and getting involved in community preparedness and response efforts; and

WHEREAS, opportunities for obtaining information and getting involved include visiting websites such as ready.gov and/or attending events such as the San Mateo County Preparedness Day fair on the weekend of September 13, the City's Preparedness Presentation on September 24, and by participation in the Brisbane Community Emergency Volunteer program,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Brisbane does hereby proclaim September 2008, "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 15th day of September, 2008.

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Michael G. Barnes
Mayor of the City of Brisbane