WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is instituted by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of being ready for emergencies, including natural disasters and potential terrorist threats; and

WHEREAS, in any emergency, one of the simplest things that individuals and families can do to be prepared is to have a family emergency plan; and

WHEREAS, Hawai‘i is often threatened with natural disasters during hurricane season and preparedness is key to survival; and

WHEREAS, recommended actions include creating an emergency supply kit with food, water and medications for 14 days, a battery-powered radio, flashlight and first aid kit; retrofit home with hurricane resistant clips or straps; check home surrounds for potential storm hazard threats; and sign up for local emergency system alerts; and

WHEREAS, it only takes one storm to affect your family and your community, but with proper preparation we can ensure the safety of ourselves and our loved ones;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as “EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MONTH” in Hawai‘i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing the importance of preparing for an emergency and knowing what to do when disaster strikes.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai‘i, this fourteenth day of September 2020.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai‘i