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National Preparedness Month September 2008

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will sponsor the fifth annual National Preparedness Month this September and encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities; and

The Ohio Department of Public Safety is coordinating the campaign for the state of Ohio through Ohio Homeland Security and partners at all levels. All Ohioans need to take some simple steps to prepare for emergencies, including getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about a range of natural and human-made threats to their communities; and

all schools and businesses need to review their safety and security measures, enhance emergency response and recovery plans, provide staff training and practice emergency drills; and

all first responders and emergency response agencies at local, state and federal levels should ensure they are able to serve the needs of all residents, including diverse populations, older Ohioans and those with special needs; and

as we observe National Preparedness Month this September, I urge schools, businesses, communities and families to review Ohio's Ready campaign website at www.ready.ohio.gov and sign on as preparedness partners to join this effort to make sure the state of Ohio is ready to respond to and recover from any disaster or emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ted Strickland, Governor of the State of Ohio do hereby proclaim **September 2008** to be

National Preparedness Month in Ohio

and I call upon all Ohioans to recognize the importance of preparing for all potential disasters and emergencies by celebrating this month by participating in appropriate preparedness programs and activities.



Ted Strickland
Governor

