

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *National Preparedness Month, observed each September, serves as a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and encourages all Americans to take action before emergencies occur; and*

WHEREAS, *emergencies and disasters—both natural and human-caused—can strike at any time, disrupting lives, endangering communities, and causing significant economic and emotional hardship; and*

WHEREAS, *preparing individuals, families, neighborhoods, schools, and businesses to respond effectively to disasters increases community resilience and helps save lives; and*

WHEREAS, *preparedness efforts such as creating emergency kits, making family communication plans, and staying informed of local hazards are vital tools in strengthening community readiness.*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby recognize September 2025 as

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2025



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor