



*Proclamation
of the
City of Foster City, California*

**National Emergency Preparedness Month
September 2023**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security first sponsored **National Emergency Preparedness Month** in 2004 as a nationwide effort to increase personal preparedness for emergencies and large-scale disasters in local communities; and

WHEREAS, **National Emergency Preparedness Month** provides an opportunity to remind us that we all must prepare ourselves and our families now and throughout the year and focus on planning, with an overarching theme: "Preparing for Older Adults," preparing older adults for disaster, specifically older adults from communities that are disproportionately impacted by the all-hazard events, which continue to threaten the nation; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo Consolidated Fire Department offers free training through the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program to help both citizens and people working in Foster City to become more prepared for emergencies; and

WHEREAS, ongoing emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen and civic organization, and as such, all citizens and civic organizations are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together, as a team, to ensure that individuals, families and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

WHEREAS, the City of Foster City is furthering preparedness efforts by their engagement in San Mateo County's Disaster Preparedness Day which endeavors to educate the community on a variety of disasters and emergencies, teach citizens life-saving skills, and prepare them with essential supplies; and

WHEREAS, **National Emergency Preparedness Month** is also an opportunity to pay tribute to America's first responders who put themselves at risk for the safety of their fellow citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JON FROOMIN, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as "**National Emergency Preparedness Month**" in the City of Foster City and call upon all citizens and civic organizations to evaluate and update their plans for a large-scale emergency and its aftermath.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the official seal of the City of Foster City to be affixed this 21st day of August, two thousand twenty-three A.D.

JON FROOMIN, MAYOR

