

## **NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

*WHEREAS, Arizonans annually face the threat of natural and manmade disasters such as microbursts, severe flooding, fire and domestic terrorism that can cause property damage and threaten the safety of our families and neighborhoods; and*

*WHEREAS, during the month of September, all residents of the city of Glendale and throughout the state are encouraged to take precautionary steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses and schools; and*

*WHEREAS, by following a few simple steps which include organizing an emergency supply kit, developing a personal preparedness plan, participating in community-wide efforts, and becoming informed about common hazards and threats, Glendaleans can create a culture of preparedness and help save lives; and*

*WHEREAS, the city of Glendale is committed to helping our residents by hosting training classes, conducting mock disaster scenarios and providing emergency tips through the website; and*

*WHEREAS, September is also a time to pay tribute to Glendale's first responders who put their own personal safety at risk while reacting to natural and manmade disasters.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine M. Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2008 as:*

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*and call upon the citizens of Glendale to increase their understanding of the different hazards that may affect them and urge citizens to take action to prepare themselves and their families.*

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August 2008.*