



[Commission Name]

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 15, 2015

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Submitted by: Robert Flasher, Chairperson, Disaster and Fire Safety Commission
 Subject: Proclamation of Emergency Preparedness Month

RECOMMENDATION

Endorse a proclamation to support October 2015 as Emergency Preparedness Month in Berkeley.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

None.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At the June 24 Commission Meeting, the commission motioned and passed a recommendation to City Council to proclaim October 2015 as Berkeley Emergency Preparedness Month. (Motion: Jones, Second: Grimes, Vote: (6 Ayes: Flasher, Zummo, Goldstein, Jones, Legg, Grimes,; 0 Noes;; 2 Absent: Degenkolb, Smukler; 0 Abstain:))

BACKGROUND

Community volunteers in the City's Berkeley Community Emergency Response Team program working in conjunction with Berkeley Fire Department will be conducting a community emergency exercise on October 17, 2015 and will be working throughout the month of October to focus attention on becoming better prepared for emergencies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

None known.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

Berkeley faces the threats of natural and man-made disasters. Our community can be better readied for emergencies by thinking about, training, and preparing ourselves ahead of time. Berkeley Fire Department offers free training through the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program to help both residents and people working in Berkeley become more prepared for emergencies

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CITY MANAGER

The City Manager concurs with the content and recommendations of the Commission's Report.

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Attachments:

1: Proclamation of October 2015 as Berkeley Emergency Preparedness Month

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WHEREAS, the residents of Berkeley are aware of the challenges we all face when emergencies such as fires and earthquakes occur,
and

WHEREAS, we all can be better prepared to deal with these emergencies by thinking about, training, and preparing ourselves ahead of time,
and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Fire Department offers free training and activities via the Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) program to help both residents and people working in Berkeley become more prepared for emergencies,
and

WHEREAS, the graduates of the CERT program then work in their neighborhoods and organizations to promote readiness and calm when an emergency happens,
and

WHEREAS, CERT Volunteers will be working with individuals, organizations, and organized Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Groups to focus everyone's attention on becoming better prepared all though the month of October, 2015,
and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Fire Department and the CERT Volunteers will be conducting a Citywide Exercise on October 17, 2015,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT we, Mayor and City Council of Berkeley, California declare October as

Berkeley Emergency Preparedness Month

in the City of Berkeley, in recognition of the importance of emergency preparedness to the community.

