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## HAYWOOD COUNTY PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2025

### A PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, all North Carolinians should be prepared for natural and man-made disasters as well as disease outbreaks; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina is traditionally an active state for tornadoes and severe thunderstorms, with tornado touchdowns and straight-line winds causing severe damage in parts of the state this year; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024 the state experienced 37 tornado touchdowns, 432 flood incidents and 755 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail; and

**WHEREAS**, last year the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 181 tornado warnings, 641 severe thunderstorm warnings, and 267 flash flood warnings; and

**WHEREAS**, communities across the state have borne the impacts from wildfires, severe weather, damaging hail, high winds and flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, Haywood County had Hurricane Helene which resulted in loss of life and substantial home, business, waterway and infrastructure damage; and

**WHEREAS**, every community, business, family and individual in Haywood County must be ready for natural and man-made disasters including tornadoes, flooding, hurricanes and public disturbances that might disrupt normal daily activities; and

**WHEREAS**, all Haywood County residents can take a few simple steps – making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit, owning a weather radio and staying informed – to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority; and

**WHEREAS**, Haywood County residents should know the risks for their area and plan accordingly, and

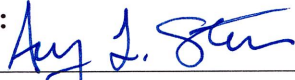
**WHEREAS**, Haywood County residents should help the elderly and those who cannot help themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, Haywood County residents should include the safety of their pets and/or livestock in their emergency plans; and

**WHEREAS**, Haywood County, North Carolina Emergency Management and the State of North Carolina have collaborated to recognize September as North Carolina Preparedness Month to encourage Haywood County residents to be disaster ready;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Haywood County Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September 2025, as “**PREPAREDNESS MONTH**” in Haywood County, and encourage all county residents to plan and prepare for weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits and updating their emergency plans.

  
L. Kevin Ensley, Chairman  
Haywood County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**   
Amy L. Stevens  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

