



Proclamation

Snohomish County Board of Health

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month is observed annually each September to encourage individuals, families, and communities across the United State to take steps to prepare for disasters and emergencies; and

WHEREAS, disasters and emergencies can occur at any time, often without warning, and may result from natural hazards, human-caused incidents, or public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, disasters can impact human health through increased rates of injury, disease, and illness, and by damaging essential infrastructure and the healthcare systems; and

WHEREAS, public health is a foundational pillar of community resilience, requiring continuous vigilance and proactive measures to protect the well-being of all residents from both known and emerging threats; and

WHEREAS, the resiliency of Snohomish County depends on both community-level preparedness and the personal actions taken by residents to safeguard themselves and their families; and

WHEREAS, preparedness planning includes knowing your hazards and risks, establishing evacuation routes and reunification locations, and maintaining up-to-date emergency contacts; and

WHEREAS, the preparedness of Snohomish County's public health system is significantly bolstered by the dedication and service of our Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers, a group of medical and non-medical professionals who train year-round to support health-related care during crises; and

WHEREAS, communities of color and other historically marginalized populations are disproportionately affected by emergencies and disasters, a reality that necessitates a targeted approach to public health preparedness and response; and



WHEREAS, a foundational commitment to equity in public health requires prioritizing the unique needs of these populations to ensure that all members of our community are protected, which in turn strengthens our collective resilience during times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, the shared responsibility between public agencies, community partners, and prepared residents is essential to mitigating the impact of any disaster, thereby ensuring the health and safety of our entire population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Snohomish County Board of Health proclaims the month of September 2025 as National Preparedness Month and calls on all residents, businesses, and organizations of Snohomish County to join in this observance to take three simple steps: make a plan, build a kit, and stay informed, so that together, our community is prepared for any disaster or emergency.

National Preparedness Month September 2025

ADOPTED this 9th day of September 2025.

*Megan Dunn
Chair, Board of Health*

Attest:

*Pamela Aguilar
Interim Director, Health Department*