

***WHEREAS**, “National Preparedness Month” creates an important opportunity for every resident of **El Paso County** to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for any type of emergency from natural disasters to potential terrorist attacks; and*

***WHEREAS**, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses, and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our communities and in our nation; and*

***WHEREAS**, the Office of Emergency Management, El Paso Citizen Corps, Ready El Paso, El Paso Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and other federal, state, local, private, and volunteer agencies are working to increase public activities in preparing for emergencies and to educate individuals on how to take action; and*

***WHEREAS**, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of **El Paso County** and all citizens 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**, all citizens of **El Paso County** are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities by contacting local citizen preparedness organizations such as Fire Corps, Medical Reserve Corps, Neighborhood Watch and Volunteers in Police Service, visiting Ready.gov and/or engaging in training for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) to become more prepared.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the El Paso County Judge and Commissioners Court hereby proclaim September, 2010 as*

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

and encourages all citizens and businesses to pledge to prepare by developing their own emergency preparedness plan, taking part in preparedness training, and working together toward creating a more prepared society.

Signed this 30th day of August 2010

Commissioner Annabell Perez, Pct. 1

Commissioner Veronica Escobar, Pct. 2

Commissioner Willie Gandara, Pct. 3

Commissioner Daniel R. Haggerty, Pct. 4

*Anthony Cobos
County Judge*