

**CLAYTON COUNTY RECOGNIZES
SEPTEMBER 2013 AS
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

WHEREAS: National Preparedness Month is an opportunity for citizens to renew their commitment to promoting emergency preparedness in homes, businesses, churches and communities as well as building a ready and resilient Clayton County; and

WHEREAS: Emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen. A few simple steps such as creating a disaster supply kit, making a family disaster plan, and staying informed all contribute to a citizen's overall preparedness and personal responsibility; and

WHEREAS: Clayton County Fire and Emergency Services, department officials, agencies on the local, state and federal levels, volunteers, and professional and private associations are working diligently to prevent and respond to all types of emergencies. These activities, along with community awareness, contribute to a level of local, state and national preparedness that is critical in providing safety to our county, state and homeland; and

WHEREAS: As we observe National Preparedness Month, Clayton County urges individuals, businesses, and organizations to follow this year's theme, "You Can Be The Hero," by taking the necessary steps to protect their loved ones before a disaster strikes. Look for additional preparedness information on our website at www.ReadyClayton.com and on the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Ready website at www.Ready.GA.gov; now

THEREFORE: I, JEFFREY E. TURNER, Chairman, on behalf of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2013 as NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH in Clayton County, Georgia and recognize the importance of preparing for all potential emergencies.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 3rd day of September in the year two thousand thirteen.

Jeffrey E. Turner, Chairman