POLK COUNTY PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2024

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 2023 the state experienced 24 tornado touchdowns, 139 flood incidents and 844 severe thunderstorms with damaging wind and hail; and

WHEREAS, last year the National Weather Service in North Carolina issued 51 tornado warnings, 751 severe thunderstorm warnings, and 106 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, every community, business, family and individual in Polk 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 Polk County residents can take a few simple steps – making a family disaster plan, creating an emergency supply kit and staying informed – to help make preparedness and personal responsibility a priority; and

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, I, Myron Yoder, Chairman, Polk County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2024, as **PREPAREDNESS MONTH**" in Polk County, and encourage all county residents to plan and prepare weather-related and man-made disasters by assembling their emergency supply kits and updating their emergency plans.

Adopted this 3th day of September, 2024.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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Myron Yoder
Chairman

ATTEST:

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Kristy Tipton
Clerk to the Board