

On September 15, 2009, OperationOC, together with the American Red Cross, accepted the Orange County Board of Supervisors' National Preparedness Month Resolution, designating September 2009 as National Preparedness Month for Orange County.

**National Preparedness Month
September 2009**

By the authority of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, the following resolution is hereby issued:

WHEREAS, National Preparedness Month, occurring annually in September, creates an important opportunity for every resident of the United States to prepare their homes, businesses and communities for any type of emergency, ranging from natural disasters to potential terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's *Ready* Campaign, Citizen Corps and other federal, state, local, private and volunteer agencies, such as the American Red Cross of Orange County, Operation OC and others, are working to increase public awareness on the importance of preparing for major emergencies and encourage individuals to take action; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Orange County are urged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and review the *Ready* campaign's websites at www.Ready.gov or www.Listo.gov (in Spanish); and

WHEREAS, investing in our own preparedness and that of our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our county and nation; and

WHEREAS, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen of Orange County, all of whom are urged to make preparedness a priority by taking the following four simple steps:

1. Assembling or purchasing an Emergency Supply Kit
2. Establishing a comprehensive Family Emergency Action Plan
3. Becoming educated in the types of disasters that can occur in Orange County
4. Getting involved with local preparedness organizations and efforts; and

WHEREAS, in the County of Orange, the *ReadyOC* campaign has re-launched www.ReadyOC.org to provide a centralized regional website portal for emergency preparedness resources for the benefit and personal safety of all the citizens of Orange County; and

WHEREAS, the communities of Orange County remember the devastating impacts of past natural disasters and recognize the importance of being prepared in the event of a major emergency, including: earthquake, wildfire, flood, landslide, tsunami, pandemic, chemical, terrorist attack, etc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS does hereby recognize September 2009 as National Preparedness Month in the County of Orange and strongly urges all of its citizens and businesses to develop comprehensive emergency preparedness action plans and utilize www.ReadyOC.org.