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## **Mayor Jacobs Recognizes National Preparedness Month**

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.— Knox County Mayor Glenn Jacobs recognizes September as National Preparedness Month, which is designated to raising awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

Throughout the month, the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency highlighted a different preparedness topic from making a safety plan to building a preparedness kit, low- or no-cost preparedness, and—this week—teaching young people about preparedness.

Mayor Jacobs shared the following statement about emergency preparedness:

"It is critical that we have frequent dialogue about how best to prepare for disasters that may arise. First and emergency responders are feeling the strain of all that has happened since last September, and the more prepared we can be, the better. It's more than 'Stop, Drop, and Roll,' now so it's important to make a plan and talk about it, practice it even. Preparedness will help us protect ourselves, our loved ones, and those who come to our rescue."

Colin Ickes, Director of the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency, is available for interviews.

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