

# The State of Maryland



## Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

### MARYLAND PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2011

- WHEREAS, *Emergency preparedness is the shared responsibility of the entire nation, every community, every business, every family and every individual has a role to plan and prepare for emergencies and disasters of all kinds; and*
- WHEREAS, *Maryland Preparedness Month provides an opportunity to highlight the important role of citizens as they prepare for emergencies in their homes, business, schools and communities. This nationwide observance encourages all Americans to learn more about ways to prepare for all types of emergencies from natural disasters to potential terrorist attacks; and*
- WHEREAS, *The U.S. Department of Homeland Security and Citizen Corps urge all Americans to take time during September 2012 to get an emergency supply kit, make a family emergency plan, be informed about different threats and their appropriate responses, and get involved in preparing their community; and*
- WHEREAS, *Maryland recognizes the importance of preparing for potential emergencies, and is proud to observe September 2011 with appropriate events, preparedness programs and volunteer activities.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim SEPTEMBER 2011 as MARYLAND PREPAREDNESS MONTH in Maryland and call upon the people of our state to join in supporting this observance.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,  
this 1st day of September  
Two Thousand and eleven

Martin O'Malley  
Governor

Robert Ehrlich  
Lt. Governor

John C. McDaniel  
Secretary of State



UNITED STATES SENATE  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

BARBARA A. MIKULSKI  
MARYLAND

September 13, 2011

Mr. Kevin Lewis  
Emergency Services Director  
Hagerstown, Maryland 21740

Dear Mr. Lewis & Friends:

Ten years ago, we vowed to never forget the unprecedented tragedy that unfolded across America. On September 11, 2001, an unwarranted terrorist attack was carried out on our homeland at the World Trade Center and at the Pentagon. And – thanks to the heroism of the passengers of Flight 93, what was likely to be an attack on the U.S. Capitol or the White House, ended in a deserted field in Pennsylvania.

That day 2,819 Americans died. That day 68 Marylanders died. They were men, women and children suddenly and sadly taken from us, their families and their loved ones. They were college students, soldiers, scientists and federal employees. We are here to remember and honor them and to thank the first responders, the firefighters, rescue workers and medical personnel who showed selfless sacrifice that day.

Each and every one of us will always remember where we were on that most horrible of days. As we watched the Twin Towers fall, our minds were seared with images we could scarcely comprehend. For me, one of the most terrible images was the sight of thick smoke rising from the Pentagon, blackening the sky over Arlington Cemetery.

We stand here 10 years later to remain true to our vow to never forget. The Americans who died that day, especially our fellow 68 Marylanders, all had loved ones waiting for them to return from their jobs, from their journeys, for the next holidays. Their loss was a profound loss for all of us and they are in our hearts today.

When we knew that the attacks were over, Members of Congress stood on the steps of the Capitol and one of the House members started us singing "God Bless America". We shared such a feeling of unity - we weren't Republicans, we weren't Democrats, we were Americans. We were determined to do our duty. We wanted to get back to putting America first - where it's about the next generation, not the next election – and to have a renewed self-confidence, with new achievements and a real sense of community.

We need to be able to believe in America and know that America believes in us. We want to trust that we have a government that is on our side. I know we can do it, if we remember that we are all in this together. Each and every one of you *can and do* make a difference every day, but together we can make change. That's how we will honor the memory of those who gave so much that day.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara A. Mikulski".

Barbara A. Mikulski  
United States Senator

PROCLAMATION



*Citizens' Emergency Preparedness Month*  
September 2011

**WHEREAS**, on September 11, 2001 many Americans faced both an indescribable tragedy and an extraordinary challenge; and

**WHEREAS**, September 11, 2011 marks the 10 year anniversary of this tragedy; and

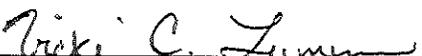
**WHEREAS**, the President of the United States has called upon the citizens to make preparedness a part of our daily lives; and

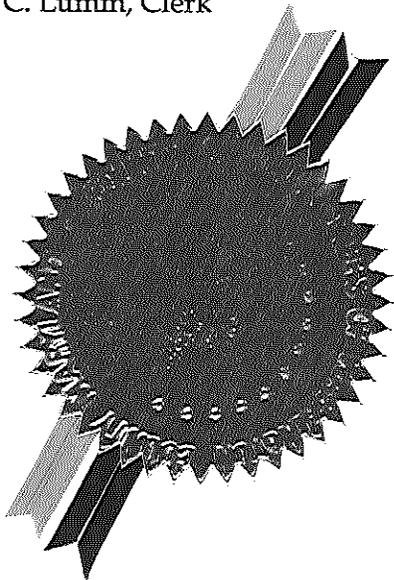
**WHEREAS**, the Washington County Local Emergency Planning Committee under the Division of Fire and Emergency Services/Emergency Management formed a Citizens Corps Committee whose memberships represent various agencies and citizens from the County with the mission to provide countywide opportunities for citizens to achieve emergency preparedness and to develop a strategy to enhance volunteerism; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington County Citizen Corps Committee organized and coordinated emergency preparedness activities to be held throughout the month of September 2011 with activities to include the *Remembrance In The Park Ceremony* and the offering of the Community Emergency Response Training where over 1,500 citizens have been trained; and

**NOW THEREFORE:** We, the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, do hereby proclaim the month of *September 2011* as "*Citizens' Emergency Preparedness Month*" in Washington County and do commend this observance to all our citizens.

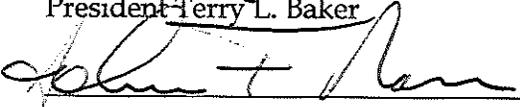
Awarded this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

  
Vicki C. Lumm, Clerk

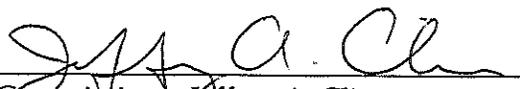


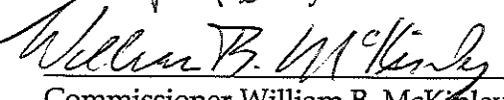
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# Proclamation

## Citizen Emergency Preparedness Month September 2011

- Whereas,** on September 11, 2001, citizens were faced with a horrible tragedy which has now made emergency preparedness a high priority and necessity in our lives;
- Whereas,** agencies and citizens formed a local Citizens Corps Committee whose mission is to implement Citizen Corps programs and carry out a local strategy to have every American participate;
- Whereas,** the Citizens Corps Committee promotes and strengthens programs at the community level, provides opportunities for special skills and interests, develops targeted outreach for the community, provides opportunities of training in first aid and emergency preparedness, organizes special projects and community events, encourages cooperation and collaboration among community leaders, and creates opportunities for all residents to participate;
- Whereas,** by encouraging more people to join in the ranks of volunteers, and further their knowledge in handling difficult situations, our city and its citizens can only become further prepared should an emergency arise.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** with the support of the City Council, I, Robert E. Bruchey, II, Mayor of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, do hereby proclaim the Month of September 2011 as ***Citizens Emergency Preparedness Month*** and encourage the citizens of Hagerstown and Washington County to further their knowledge in how to prepare for an emergency.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set and caused the seal of the City of Hagerstown, Maryland, to be affixed on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.*

Attest *Donna H. Spickler*  
Donna Spickler, City Clerk

**THE CITY OF HAGERSTOWN**

*Robert E. Bruchey II*  
Robert E. Bruchey, II  
Mayor

