



Staff Report

For City Council Meeting - 9/2/2020

Subject - Ordinances/Resolutions - National Preparedness Month "Home Inventory Week" Proclamation

Synopsis: September is widely recognized as National Preparedness Month. The City has received an invitation from The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation to proclaim the first week of September (1st-7th) "Home Inventory Week" where residents are encouraged to contact their insurance agent to build home inventory, and review coverage is sufficient in preparation for all types of disasters.

Council Options: The Council has the following options regarding the proposed resolution:

- 1) Resolve to proclaim September 1st-7th "Home Inventory Week";
- 2) Do nothing.

Recommendation: The Council made the proclamation September 2019. Staff recommends proclaiming September 2020 National Preparedness Month with the first week deemed "Home Inventory Week".

Legal Analysis: N/A

Financial Analysis: N/A

Respectfully Submitted,



Chad



**HOME INVENTORY WEEK & NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH
PROCLAMATION – SEPTEMBER 2020**

WHEREAS, each September is recognized as National Preparedness Month; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians have witnessed and experienced natural disasters in our own community; and

WHEREAS, every community member can take active steps to protect their families and neighbors from natural and manmade disasters; and

WHEREAS, every family and business in Gearhart is encouraged to take active steps to be financially secure after a disaster; and

WHEREAS, every community member is encouraged to make sure they are properly insured against fire, flood, earthquakes, and storms; and

WHEREAS, every community member is encouraged to create a home inventory to include as part of their disaster preparedness kit,

NOW THEREFORE, I Matt Brown, Mayor of the City of Gearhart, do hereby declare that the first week of September 2020, be known as

Home Inventory Week

and join cities across Oregon to encourage everyone to build a home inventory of their personal property, and speak with an insurance agent to make sure they are financially prepared for a disaster.

THEREFORE, I have ordered there be placed on this proclamation, the seal of the City of Gearhart and here by place my signature on this 2nd day of September 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator



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Kate Brown, Governor

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Dear Mayor and City Council,

Over the past five years, 10,000 wildfires have burned more than 2.5 million acres, and forced several thousand Oregonians to evacuate their homes. This year's wildfire season is far from over, which means the time to prepare is now.

September is National Preparedness Month, a time of year to get ready for all types of disasters. Fires, earthquakes, floods, tornadoes, and winter storms are just a few of the reasons to build an emergency kit and plan an escape route.

Those steps are essential to preparation, but two others are equally important and often overlooked – creating a home inventory and reviewing insurance coverage.

Having the right insurance coverage and an up-to-date home inventory are critical to financial resiliency. That importance is highlighted by the fact that National Preparedness Month is being kicked off with Home Inventory Week for the first week of September.

The Oregon Division of Financial Regulation invites you to join our efforts to help Oregonians protect their property and recover from disaster by declaring the first week of September as **Home Inventory Week**.

It is easy to get involved. Visit dfr.oregon.gov/preparesnow to get a draft proclamation, promotional flyers, social media content, and other resources to help your neighbors and constituents prepare for the next disaster by building a home inventory and reviewing their insurance coverage.

If you have any questions about Home Inventory Week or need anything else, please contact our Outreach Coordinator Kevin Jeffries at kevin.p.jeffries@oregon.gov or 503-947-7238.

Sincerely,

Andrew R. Stolfi

Director and Insurance Commissioner

Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services

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**Disasters Don't Wait.
Make Your Plan Today**



National Preparedness Month 2020

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