

Date of Hearing: August 18, 2025

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES
Blanca Pacheco, Chair
SCR 97 (Seyarto) – As Introduced June 25, 2025

SENATE VOTE: 35-0

SUBJECT: California Emergency Preparedness Month.

SUMMARY: Proclaims the month of September 2025 as California Emergency Preparedness Month. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) Launched in 2004, National Preparedness Month is an annual preparedness outreach effort led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- 2) National Preparedness Month aims to educate and empower Americans with the knowledge and resources needed to prepare for and respond to all types of emergency situations, including natural disasters and manmade emergencies.
- 3) California faces complex and severe disaster and emergency conditions due to its unique geography and extreme weather, as demonstrated by the hurricane-force wind-driven firestorms in January 2025 that destroyed separate urban and coastal areas of the County of Los Angeles.
- 4) Over the last decade, California has experienced significant increases in the frequency, intensity, and duration of a variety of disasters and emergencies, including severe heat waves, rolling blackouts, wildfires, rainstorms, floods, mudslides, and prolonged droughts.
- 5) It is urgent for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to continue to partner with states like California and others that are vulnerable to these events to support impacted individuals, communities, and businesses that experience devastating losses in the aftermath.
- 6) The growing number of disasters and emergencies in California require individuals to plan, prepare, and practice in advance. It is crucial that residents and all levels of government have well-defined plans in place before an emergency or natural disaster occurs.

FISCAL EFFECT: This resolution is keyed non-fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

Analysis Prepared by: Michael Erke / RLS. / (916) 319-2800