



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING SEPTEMBER 2023 AS "PREPAREDNESS MONTH"  
IN HOLDEN BEACH**

**WHEREAS**, National Preparedness Month is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time; and

**WHEREAS**, municipalities throughout North Carolina have been affected by a variety of emergencies, including hurricanes, mudslides, wildfires, flooding, earthquakes, and the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the peak period of hurricane season is historically mid-August through October, and September 10<sup>th</sup> marks the peak of hurricane season; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 theme of National Preparedness Month is "Preparing for Older Adults"; and

**WHEREAS**, Holden Beach is located within Brunswick County, which has the highest percentage of adults over the age of 65 in North Carolina; and

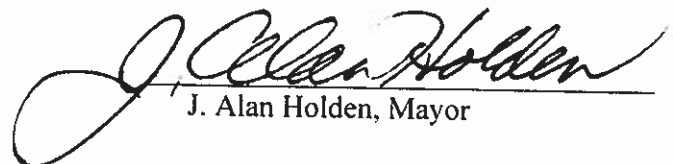
**WHEREAS**, the Town of Holden Beach Emergency Management Team is focused on identifying actions to be taken to minimize danger to the public and assist in orderly operations in emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**; the Town of Holden Beach desires that every household, property owner, and business be prepared for potential emergencies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that September 2023 be recognized as Preparedness Month in the Town of Holden Beach and all citizens are encouraged to provide for and assist with "Preparing for Older Adults" by developing an emergency plan, building an emergency kit and communicating their emergency plan to all members of their household and/or workplace.

Adopted this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.



  
J. Alan Holden, Mayor