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GHS/OCD Promotes September as National Preparedness Month

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) invite the island to celebrate September as National Preparedness Month (NPM). To commemorate the month, Governor Lou Leon Guerrero will declare NPM with a proclamation signing on Friday, September 2, at 11:30 a.m., at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex, Adelup.

The 2022 NPM theme is **“A Lasting Legacy. The life you’ve built is worth protecting. Prepare for disasters to create a lasting legacy for you and your family.”**

NPM is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time.

“As we anxiously await the release of the national weekly themes, we once again ask for your support throughout the month of September to prepare yourself and your community against disasters and unexpected emergencies,” said Charles Esteves, Civil Defense Administrator. “In line with this year’s theme, we all must do our part to ensure our safety and security here in the present. Doing so protects future generations and helps us to honor those who kept us safe during our island’s darkest times.”

Throughout September, GHS/OCD will host emergency preparedness contests for elementary, middle, and high school students to participate in and promote preparedness tips online. Along with building a kit and making a plan, the community is encouraged to follow GHS/OCD online on Facebook and Instagram to view preparedness tips and activities by emergency management partners. The community can also participate by promoting weekly themed events once they are available and promoting individual and community activities and preparedness tips with resources available at <https://www.ready.gov/september>.

Learn more about event details and ways you can participate throughout the month:

- GHS/OCD Website: <https://ghs.guam.gov/>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/>
- GHS/OCD Instagram: @ghsocd

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