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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 6, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at the Ricardo J. Bordallo Governor's Complex, Large Conference Room.

The 2024 NPM theme is, **“Empowering Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities to Prepare for Risks and Disasters.”**

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

“This year’s NPM theme highlight’s FEMA’s commitment to ensuring our diverse communities have the tools we need to be prepared for future risk,” said Charles Esteves, Civil Defense Administrator. “It is important, especially as our threat landscape continues to evolve and worsen due to impacts of climate change, that we take steps to build our resilience before a disaster strikes. Join us in this important initiative by finding ways to help prepare your loved ones, your friends and neighbors for all hazards and all threats.”

Along with building an emergency preparedness kit and making a family communication 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 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: @ghsodc

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