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SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH:

Are you prepared?

ANN ARBOR, Mich. –September 1, 2010 – National Preparedness Month (NPM) is held each September to encourage Americans to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and communities. This year will focus on encouraging Americans to work together to take concrete actions toward emergency preparedness. There are simple steps you can take to ensure your safety and well being and that of your loved ones. Simple steps you can take are available at www.ready.gov and include:

- Prepare for the unexpected by ordering an emergency preparedness kit and developing a family communications plan, which applies to both a natural or man-made emergency.
- Learn more about potential emergencies that could happen in the area where you live and the appropriate ways to respond to them.
- Learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government.

Remember, emergency preparedness is no longer the sole concern of earthquake prone Californians and those who live in the part of the country known as "Tornado Alley." For Americans, preparedness must now account for man-made disasters as well as natural ones. Knowing what to do during an emergency is an important part of being prepared and may make all the difference when seconds count.

To learn more about the Get Ready campaign, visit www.ready.gov, call 1-800-BE-READY or visit the first floor at City Hall for free brochures and preparedness materials for kids, which are available while supplies last.

Ann Arbor has 114,000 residents, spans 27.7 square miles, and is frequently recognized as a foremost place to live, go to school, work, thrive and visit (www.a2gov.org/news). To keep up with City of Ann Arbor information, subscribe for e-mail updates (www.a2gov.org/subscribe), follow us on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/a2gov>) or become a city fan on Facebook (www.facebook.com/thecityofannarbor). The city's mission statement reads: The city of Ann Arbor is committed to providing excellent municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all through the intelligent use of resources while valuing an open environment that fosters, fair, sensitive and respectful treatment of all employees and the community we serve.

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