PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Emergency Preparedness Month is a nationwide coordinated effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security each September to encourage Americans to prepare for emergencies in their homes, businesses, and schools; and

Whereas, Emergency Preparedness Month creates an important opportunity for every resident in the City to prepare their homes, businesses, and communities for all types of emergencies, including natural disasters, terrorist threats, and epidemics; and

Whereas, this event aims to increase public awareness concerning the importance of preparing for emergencies and persuading individuals to take action; and

Whereas, during the month of September the City will urge residents to take measures to make themselves and their families better prepared for emergencies; and

Exercise, emergency preparedness is the responsibility of every citizen within the City and all citizens are urged to make preparedness a priority and work together to ensure that individuals, families, and communities are prepared for disasters and emergencies of any type; and

Whereas, investing in personal and community preparedness can reduce injuries, fatalities, and economic devastation in our community and in our nation; and

Whereas, all employees, local residents, community groups, and businesses are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and asked to take steps to make their families, agencies, and communities better prepared before disaster strikes.

Dow, Therefore, I, Dan Holladay, Mayor of Oregon City, do hereby proclaim

The Month of September 2015 as Emergency Preparedness Month

And with the theme, "30 Days 30 Ways," I encourage all employees and community members to recognize the importance of preparedness and observe this month by working together to enhance our security, resilience, and readiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 2nd day of September 2015.

DAN HOLLADAY, Mayor