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## **Board Matter**

**September 13, 2021**

Mr. Chairman – With the 20th anniversary of 9/11 being observed this past weekend, and as we continue to work together to overcome the impacts of the current pandemic, it is critical that we ensure that our county remains resilient to any form of emergency.

The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has done an exemplary job, especially over the past 18 months, of maintaining and bolstering that resiliency. From OEM's Community Emergency Response Guide, our sophisticated Emergency Alert System, and the incredible work of our volunteer Community Emergency Response Team—there are numerous initiatives and resources available to our residents that many may not be aware of.

Therefore Mr. Chairman, I move that:

- Staff from the Office of Emergency Management and the Office of Public Affairs create a public information package on emergency preparedness that both the County and Board members can share with the public.

Furthermore Mr. Chairman, in recognition of the exemplary service that OEM has, and continues to provide to the County, I move:

- That September 2021 be declared “Emergency Preparedness Month” in Fairfax County;
- And that a proclamation be prepared both in recognition of this declaration, as well to express the gratitude of the Board for the exemplary work of the women and men within the Office of Emergency Management to be presented at the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of the Board.

Thank you.