

STILLWATER COUNTY PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING AUGUST 2025 AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AWARENESS MONTH

****WHEREAS****, disasters—natural or human-made—can strike without warning, causing loss of life, disrupting critical services, damaging property, and threatening the economic vitality of our communities; and

****WHEREAS****, effective emergency management requires a proactive, coordinated effort among local, state, federal government agencies, first responders, non-profit organizations, the private sector, and individual citizens; and

****WHEREAS****, the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has designated August of each year as National Emergency Management Awareness Month to raise public awareness of the profession and promote community preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts; and

****WHEREAS****, emergency management in 2025 must confront a rapidly evolving risk landscape—including unexpected weather-related disasters, wildland fires, civil unrest, emerging public health threats, and vulnerabilities in critical infrastructure—which demands innovative planning, resilient systems, and engaged citizens; and

****WHEREAS****, Stillwater County Emergency Services continues to strengthen partnerships, update plans, train personnel, invest in advanced technology, and engage the public to build resilience against all hazards; and

****WHEREAS****, every resident and business in Stillwater County shares responsibility for reducing vulnerability and enhancing community resilience by preparing emergency supply kits, developing and exercising family emergency plans, staying informed of local hazards, and participating in trainings and exercises;

****NOW, THEREFORE, WE the Board of Commissioners of Stillwater County, proclaim , that:**

1. August 2025 is hereby proclaimed ****National Emergency Management Awareness Month**** in Stillwater County.

2. All county departments, municipal governments, schools, businesses, non-profit organizations, and citizens are strongly encouraged to:

- Conduct or participate in preparedness activities;
- Sign up for Stillwater County's new Everbridge alerts and notifications system;
- Review and update personal, family, and organizational emergency plans;
- Participate in the development of Stillwater County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan;
- Assemble or replenish emergency supply caches;
- Engage with Stillwater County Emergency Services through public briefings, and outreach events; and
- Share preparedness resources and information across social media and community networks.

3. Copies of this Resolution shall be distributed to all county departments, municipal governments, school districts, community organizations, and local media outlets to encourage broad participation in National Emergency Management Awareness Month activities.

Proclaimed this 11th day of August, 2025, by the Board of Commissioners of Stillwater County, Montana.

Dated this 11th Day of August 2025.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
STILLWATER COUNTY**



Steve Riveland, Chair



Jeff Ruffatto, Member



Roger Webb, Member



ATTEST:



Heidi L. Stadel, Clerk & Recorder