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***Doral* joins ASFPM in Observing National Preparedness Month 2024 with a Focus on Flood Safety**

DORAL, FLORIDA -- This September, the City of Doral will participate in National Preparedness Month, an annual observance promoted by the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) to encourage readiness for disasters like floods.

Flooding is the nation's most frequent and expensive disaster, present in 90% of all natural disasters. In response, the City will emphasize flood safety and preparedness throughout the month:

- Week 1: Make A Plan - Develop a family emergency communication plan and learn your property's flood risk.
- Week 2: Build A Kit - Assemble supplies to survive for several days after a disaster. Include items like water, food, batteries, and a weather radio.
- Week 3: Low-Cost, No-Cost Preparedness - Take low and no-cost actions to prepare, like installing check valves to prevent water backup and safely storing important documents.
- Week 4: Teach Youth About Preparedness - Talk to kids about preparing for emergencies and include them in family readiness activities.

The City will share flood safety resources on social media using the hashtags #FloodSafety and #NatlPrep. Residents can also find personalized flood mitigation guidance at ASFPM's ReduceFloodRisk.org.

"Flooding can happen anywhere, with just one inch of floodwater causing up to \$25,000 in damage. We want every Doral resident to know their risk and take steps to prepare long before the waters rise," said Mayor Christi Fraga. "This National Preparedness Month, pledge to learn your flood risk, develop an emergency plan, and take proactive steps to protect your property."

Learn more about National Preparedness Month at www.ready.gov/september. Find your property's flood risk and mitigation options at ReduceFloodRisk.org.

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