

THE WHITE HOUSE

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I am pleased to once again send greetings to all those participating in the National Day of Action as part of America's PrepareAthon!

Thousands of natural disasters and emergencies affect communities around our country every year, challenging our preparedness and resolve. Whether tornados or earthquakes, floods or hurricanes, America endures nature's tests and commits with courage and faith to recovering after disaster strikes. Now, more than ever, it is important to prepare for hazards because as our climate changes we are expected to experience more severe conditions such as bigger wildfires, more intense storms, and prolonged heat.

Taking proactive steps to be smart and ready ourselves—such as signing up for local alerts and gathering essential supplies—can help us anticipate, resist, and respond to emergency situations. Through practice and planning, each of us can take action to protect our homes, schools, and workplaces to ensure we are as prepared as possible for any crisis that could arise. I encourage Americans to visit [Community.FEMA.gov](http://Community.FEMA.gov) to learn more about potential hazards and to find ways to help their families, friends, and neighbors understand the dangers we all face.

I am grateful to all those who dedicate themselves to protecting their communities and lifting them up after a crisis. During America's PrepareAthon!, let us come together to safeguard the people and the country we love.

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