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GOVERNOR PROCLAIMS ARIZONA PREPAREDNESS MONTH
Hurricane Gustav Reminds of Need to Be Ready for Emergencies

PHOENIX – "Are you ready?" is the question posed by Governor Janet Napolitano to all Arizonans. The Governor has declared September as Arizona Preparedness Month.

"Hurricane Gustav and the damage it has done in the South is a reminder of the need for each household and family to be prepared for emergencies," the Governor said. "Public Safety officials and Emergency Responders in Arizona have made great strides in emergency preparedness, but we each have a role to play to ensure our families and communities are ready for emergencies."

Arizona is joining a nationwide effort sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's 'Ready' campaign to encourage individuals, families, businesses and communities to prepare for emergencies. Throughout September, activities and events will take place statewide and across the nation to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and promote individual, business and community involvement.

Arizona Preparedness Month is a great opportunity to talk about and plan what your family would do in an emergency. In a major emergency, it may be a few days before you could leave your home or return to it. Do you have enough food? Do you know where to go? How will you learn about changing conditions? Can you help others who are in need?

Are you ready?

For more on preparedness activities and events and information on what you can do to prepare for emergencies, please visit www.AZ211.gov or www.azdohs.gov.

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