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## **Governor Proclamation: Washington State to observe *National Preparedness and NOAA Weather Radio Month* in September**

**Camp Murray, Wash.** – Washington State will join in the National Preparedness Month campaign in September. Gov. Chris Gregoire said in a special state proclamation that “Citizens, companies and government agencies should review their individual preparedness plans, contact information, and emergency kits and need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for a minimum of three days following an act of terrorism, natural or man-made disasters.”

Events during September will include:

- A statewide **Drop, Cover & Hold - earthquake drill at 10:15 a.m. on Sept. 21**. The drill will be initiated through the Emergency Alert System using the required monthly test for broadcasters.
- A **Sept. 21 Tsunami Warning Communication System** test. The test will coincide with the earthquake drill and will activate a warning siren test throughout the outer coastal areas of Clallam, Jefferson, Grays Harbor and Pacific counties. The test will include an audible message and will sound a warning siren tone for three minutes.

The Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD), along with city and county emergency management agencies, will be promoting disaster planning and preparedness by participating in the earthquake drill and National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration’s (NOAA) national tsunami warning communication test.

In addition, EMD and other agencies will take part in Washington’s *Take Winter by Storm* program, NOAA’s *Weather Radio Awareness* program, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s *See Something, Say Something* campaign. For events and activities in your area, please check your local emergency management office’s website.

As part of Disaster Preparedness Month, information and booklets will be sent to schools across Washington State. Preparedness information for individuals, businesses and homes will be available on the “In Focus” section on the Washington Emergency Management Division’s Web site at [www.emd.wa.gov](http://www.emd.wa.gov)

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