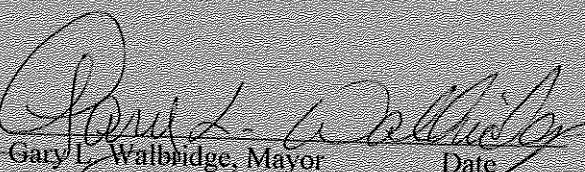


Proclamation

of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas

- WHEREAS: National Preparedness Month is a nationwide effort held each September; and
- WHEREAS: the goal of the fifth annual National Preparedness Month is to increase public awareness about the importance of preparing for emergencies and to encourage individuals to take action; and
- WHEREAS: no community is truly prepared for a disaster until every individual, family and business takes personal responsibility for preparedness; and
- WHEREAS: the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, through its *Ready* campaign and Citizens Corps programs, works with a wide variety of organizations, including local, state and federal government agencies and the private sector, to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and to promote individual involvement through events and activities across the nation; and
- WHEREAS: all Americans need to take some simple steps to prepare for emergencies, including getting an emergency supply kit, making a family emergency plan, being informed about different threats and getting involved in preparing their communities; and
- WHEREAS: the recent tornadoes and floods in the Midwest illustrate the potential devastation to communities and highlight the importance of preplanning disaster response and sheltering operations; and
- WHEREAS: the citizens of Baldwin City, Kansas should join with citizens across the nation to ensure we have taken the necessary actions, including accessing all available disaster preparedness information.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary L. Walbridge, Mayor of the City of Baldwin City, Kansas, with the support of the Baldwin City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of September to be "National Preparedness Month" and affirm the commitment of Baldwin City to continue participation in efforts to ensure that we have an integrated disaster response capability so all emergency responders and the general public can work together effectively in a time of need.


Gary L. Walbridge, Mayor Date