

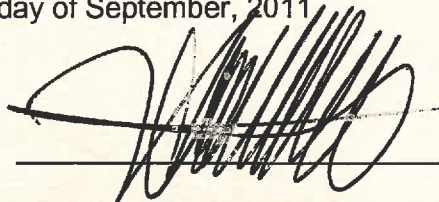
## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS,** in the past 25 years there have been 26 presidentially declared disasters in the State of Washington, 20 of which have affected Lewis County and the City of Centralia; and
- WHEREAS,** more than 20 of these disaster events have been associated with flooding; and,
- WHEREAS,** whether disasters are be caused by natural events, or by the acts of individuals or groups, the responsibility for initial response to such events rests with the individual being prepared to take action to protect life and property in advance of governmental response efforts; and,
- WHEREAS,** preparedness is the collective responsibility of all citizens who together can equip our families and our community to be resilient through times of hardship and respond to adversity to keep our community strong and safe; and,
- WHEREAS,** the President of the United States has declared September to be National Preparedness Month;
- NOW THEREFORE,** I, Harlan A. Thompson, Mayor of the City of Centralia, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2011 to be

### Emergency Preparedness Month

in our community and call upon all residents of our community to learn and educate their family and friends about emergency preparedness and responding to disasters in our community; to prepare and maintain their personal emergency response kit; and to take necessary and available steps to protect their loved ones and property as best as possible from natural or man caused disasters.

**SIGNED, SEALED, AND DATED** this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011



Harlan A. Thompson, Mayor  
City of Centralia