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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MONTH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. June 1 marks the official start of hurricane  
2 season in Hawaii, and the legislature finds that the month of  
3 May should be a time of preparation in which residents of Hawaii  
4 are urged to talk with their families and friends about  
5 hurricane preparedness and to make their own emergency plans.

6           The legislature finds that a complete hurricane emergency  
7 plan should include establishing a time and place for family  
8 members to meet, knowing their evacuation routes and shelter  
9 locations, and knowing what emergency items to bring, including  
10 money, food, and health-related supplies. In addition, pet  
11 owners who plan to evacuate their pets should plan for their  
12 pet's needs by packing a carrier or kennel, a collar and leash,  
13 current identification and vaccination documents, necessary pet  
14 medications, and a photo of the pet.

15           The legislature also finds that businesses should review  
16 their emergency preparedness plans before June 1 and provide  
17 appropriate training to all of their personnel.



1           The legislature also finds that each county should review  
2 and update the critical components of its emergency preparedness  
3 plan on the evacuation of residents with special health needs or  
4 residents who require special assistance, such as the elderly  
5 and infirm. This is not intended to replace each person's  
6 individual responsibility, rather, it is meant to be an  
7 evacuation method of last resort and only for those citizens who  
8 have no other means or who have physical limitations that  
9 prohibit self-evacuation.

10           The purpose of this Act is to encourage all residents of  
11 Hawaii to use the month of May to make sufficient emergency  
12 preparations for hurricane season by designating the month of  
13 May to be "Hurricane Preparedness Month."

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
15 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
16 read as follows:

17           "§8-    Hurricane Preparedness Month.   The entire month of  
18 May shall be known and designated as "Hurricane Preparedness  
19 Month". This month is not and shall not be construed to be a  
20 state holiday."

21           SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Hurricane Preparedness Month

**Description:**

Declares May to be "Hurricane Preparedness Month."

