WHEREAS, Emergencies and disasters can strike anywhere and at any time; and
WHEREAS, the State of Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division and its partner organizations continually stress the need for and importance of preparedness for all emergencies and disasters; and
WHEREAS, there are preparedness actions all Iowans can take, including being aware of hazards, making an emergency plan, and building an emergency supply kit; and
WHEREAS, investing in the preparedness of ourselves, our families, businesses and communities can reduce fatalities and economic devastation in our state and in our nation; and
WHEREAS, Family Preparedness Month was created in response to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, to educate the public on how to prepare for emergencies:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Terry E. Branstad, Governor of the State of Iowa, do hereby proclaim the month of September, 2012, as

Family Preparedness Month

in Iowa, and urge all Iowans to take due notice of this occasion, and to give appropriate attention to their necessary actions by preparing themselves for any emergency or disaster.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the great seal of the State of Iowa to be affixed. Done at Des Moines on this 22d day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand twelve.

TERRY E. BRANSTAD
GOVERNOR OF IOWA

ATTEST: MATT SCHULTZ
SECRETARY OF STATE