

**WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEM #3 – PROCLAMATION**

Director Burry read a proclamation recognizing September as “*Emergency Preparedness Month.*” Director of Public Works & Engineering accepted the proclamation along with the following Emergency Management staff members: Gary McTighe, Mike Oppegaard, Margaret Murnane, and Bob Swannack. Mr. Tobia also mentioned several other County officials with whom his office works very closely and thanked the Board for their support. He then introduced the next item on the agenda.



MONMOUTH COUNTY BOARD OF  
CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS

*Emergency Preparedness Month*

*WHEREAS, September is National Emergency Preparedness Month and the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management is encouraging all citizens to prepare themselves and their families for both natural and human caused disasters; and*

*WHEREAS, Emergency Preparedness Month is an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and to encourage all of our residents to better prepare their homes and communities for emergencies; and*

*WHEREAS, with a focus on the family, individuals can prepare for emergencies by taking simple steps such as organizing an emergency supply kit, making a personal preparedness plan, becoming informed about threats in the home, at business and in the schools; and*

*WHEREAS, Monmouth County continues to improve our ability to prepare for emergencies, and along with the Department of Homeland Security is working with other Federal, State, and local government organizations, as well as the private sector, to prevent, respond to, and recover from all types of emergencies; and*

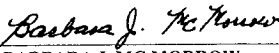
*WHEREAS, this month is also an opportunity to pay tribute to our first responders, police officers, firefighters, and emergency service personnel who continually put themselves at risk for the safety of their fellow citizens; and*


*NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Chosen Freeholders proclaim the month of September 2008 as*

***“Emergency Preparedness Month ”***

*in the County of Monmouth, and call upon all of our citizens to recognize the importance of preparing for potential emergencies and to observe this month by participating in preparedness programs.*

  
WILLIAM C. BARHAM

  
BARBARA J. MC MORROW

  
JOHN D'AMICO, JR.

  
LILLIAN G. BURRY

  
ROBERT D. CLIFTON

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND  
AND CAUSED THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE COUNTY OF  
MONMOUTH TO BE HERETO AFFIXED.

