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ORGANIZATION SUPPORTS READY GEORGIA INITIATIVE

Campaign educates and empowers Georgians to prepare for and respond to emergencies

(CITY, GA) Organization is supporting *Ready Georgia*, the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS) statewide emergency preparedness campaign, with Event Name on Event Date. *Ready Georgia* provides a local dimension to *Ready America*, a broader national campaign, and motivates Georgians to take action to prepare for a disaster.

In Location, Organization will utilize the *Ready Georgia* tools to encourage local citizens to prepare, plan and stay informed about emergency preparedness. *Ready Georgia* is also supported by the the Ad Council, The Home Depot and volunteer organizations that can engage the public and affect change.

"Preparedness is an important issue for all residents of Location," said Representative. "Organization calls on residents of all ages to take responsibility for their own readiness and get prepared. Our organization will be here to provide information on a local level to achieve the state's goal of having every citizen ready to maintain self-sufficiency for at least 72 hours following a disaster."

Ready Georgia provides individuals, schools, enforcement officials, volunteer organizations, community groups and local governments with an interactive website (<u>gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgia</u>) that includes a customizable checklist and plan, online community toolkit and advertising and public awareness media messaging to reach its audiences. Local organizations, like Organization, provide additional support throughout the state.

"Our organization will be supporting the *Ready Georgia* initiative by include local activities," continued Representative. "We also invite individuals to log on to <u>gema.georgia.gov/plan-prepare/ready-georgiav</u> for preparedness information and resources."

[INSERT SPECIFIC EVENT/ACTIVITY DETAILS HERE]

As part of the Office of the Governor, GEMA/HS works with local, state and federal governments, in partnership with the private sector and faith-based community, to protect life and property against manmade and natural emergencies. In addition, GEMA/HS employees are on 24-hour call statewide to assist local authorities when disaster strikes. GEMA/HS's Ready Georgia campaign helps Georgians prepare for disasters. Go to gema.georgia.gov for information on developing a custom emergency plan and Ready kit.

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