

The City of Holland, Michigan



In Recognition of National Emergency Management Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the City of Holland acknowledges the critical role that emergency management professionals play in safeguarding our community from all hazards, including natural disasters, technological incidents, and human-caused threats; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management professionals work tirelessly behind the scenes to plan, train, and coordinate exercises with public safety agencies, nonprofit organizations, and the private sector to ensure our community is prepared to respond to and recover from catastrophic events; and

WHEREAS, the City of Holland is served by a dedicated network of emergency management personnel, including our designated Emergency Management Coordinator, Chris Tinney of the Holland Fire Department, as well as the Ottawa County and Allegan County Emergency Management Departments, who support preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation efforts throughout our city and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the City further recognizes the partnership and ongoing support of the Michigan State Police Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division, whose leadership and collaboration strengthen statewide emergency capabilities; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Management builds resilience in our community, enhances public safety, and ensures that critical resources and coordinated responses are in place to protect life, property, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM-USA) has announced August 2025 as the inaugural National Emergency Management Awareness Month, a coordinated, industry-wide campaign aimed at promoting the emergency management profession and highlighting the contributions of emergency managers across all levels of government, private industry, nonprofits, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, this initiative is designed to engage and educate leaders, decision-makers, and community stakeholders about the systems, partnerships, and capabilities that emergency managers create and maintain—bringing order to chaos, coordinating complex incidents, saving lives, minimizing damage, and restoring communities following disaster; and

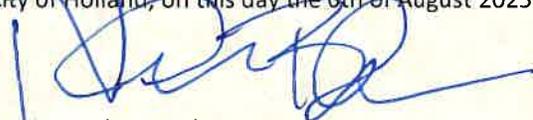
WHEREAS, throughout the month of August, emergency management professionals are encouraged to work collaboratively with elected officials, public agencies, business leaders, nonprofit organizations, and local residents to foster a greater awareness of the field, build deeper understanding of shared responsibilities, and promote resilience across all sectors of the community; and

WHEREAS, National Emergency Management Week, traditionally observed in May, also remains a key opportunity to honor and celebrate those who dedicate their careers to protecting and serving their communities through proactive preparedness, response coordination, risk reduction, and recovery planning;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Nathan Bocks, Mayor of the City of Holland, Michigan, and members of the Holland City Council, proclaim the month of August 2025 as National Emergency Management Awareness Month, and reaffirm the recognition of National Emergency Management Week in May, as times to honor and express our deepest appreciation to all emergency management professionals who serve our community. The City encourages all citizens, agencies, and organizations to recognize their critical contributions, engage in local preparedness efforts, and support the partnerships that make our community safer and more resilient.



Given under my hand and the seal of the
City of Holland, on this day the 6th of August 2025


Mayor Nathan Bocks