

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor



- WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield recognizes that no community is immune from natural hazards whether it be earthquake, wildfire, flood, winter storms, drought, heat wave or dam failure, and recognizes the importance of enhancing its ability to withstand natural hazards as well as the importance of reducing the human suffering, property damage, interruption of public services and economic losses caused by those hazards; and
- WHEREAS, major earthquakes pose a particular, significant and ongoing threat to the entire region; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Bakersfield has a responsibility to promote earthquake preparedness internally as well as with the public and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and
- WHEREAS, the protection of employees will facilitate the continuity of government and therefore assist the public following a major earthquake event; and
- WHEREAS, community resiliency to disasters depends on the preparedness levels of the community as a whole; and
- WHEREAS, by supporting The Great Southern California ShakeOut, the City of Bakersfield has the opportunity to join and support all Southern Californians in preparing to meet the challenges presented by a great earthquake;

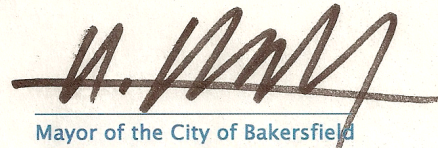
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harvey L. Hall, Mayor of the City of Bakersfield, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2008, as

"The Great Southern California Shakeout Day"

in our city, and call on all community members to educate themselves and their families regarding actions to protect life and property, by utilizing the information available on the website www.ShakeOut.org and registering to participate in the "Drop Cover and Hold on" earthquake drill on November 13, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

DATED, at Bakersfield, California, this 5th day of November, 2008.




Mayor of the City of Bakersfield