

WHEREAS, the City of Palm Springs 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 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 Riverside region, and the City of Palm Springs understands the importance of promoting earthquake preparedness internally, as well as with the public, and plan appropriately for earthquake-related disasters; and

WHEREAS, the protection of City of Palm Springs employees will allow employees to facilitate the continuity of government and assist the public following a major earthquake event. The City appreciates that community resiliency to earthquakes and other disasters depends on the preparedness levels of all stakeholders in the community – individuals, families, schools, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, businesses, and government; and

WHEREAS, by participating in The Great Southern California ShakeOut, the City of Palm Springs has the opportunity to join and support all Southern Californians in strengthening community and regional resiliency; and

WHEREAS, by supporting The Great Southern California ShakeOut, the City of Palm Springs can utilize the information on www.ShakeOut.org to educate its residents regarding actions to protect life and property, including mitigating structural and non-structural hazards, and participating in earthquake drills; and

WHEREAS, by registering at www.ShakeOut.org, City of Palm Springs employees can participate in the ShakeOut “Drop Cover and Hold on” earthquake drill on November 13 at 10 a.m., and encourage the public, schools, businesses, and other community stakeholders to also register.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen P. Pougnet, Mayor of the City of Palm Springs, by the power vested in me, urge that we observe this week by taking time to recognize and acknowledge the importance of preparing our city for the purposes of building a safer community and reducing the loss of lives and property from a major earthquake event by taking proactive steps today, and do hereby proclaim our involvement in The Great Southern California ShakeOut .