



## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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### *The Great California ShakeOut*

Within the next 18 months, Californians will mark the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of the Northridge and Loma Prieta earthquakes. Combined, those earthquakes caused 120 deaths, more than 12,700 injuries and \$45 billion in property losses.

Becoming better prepared for future earthquakes and other emergencies is something everyone can do now to protect themselves, their loved ones, neighbors and co-workers. At 10:17 A.M. on October 17, 2013, Californians will have the opportunity to practice actions they can take to protect themselves during an earthquake by participating in The Great California ShakeOut. Wherever you are at that time, I urge you to “Drop, Cover and Hold On” and stay in that position for at least 60 seconds.

The Great California ShakeOut is the one day each year when government agencies, businesses, civic and faith-based organizations, schools, neighborhoods and families join together to practice how to stay safe when the earth shakes, and to prepare so that our communities will recover quickly after a major earthquake. I call on all Californians to help become better prepared as individuals, families, communities and as a state by taking part in this year’s Great California ShakeOut.

Sincerely,

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.