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Great ShakeOut Day

California is home to several active seismic zones and over the next 30 years, the state has a more than 99 percent chance of experiencing a magnitude 6.7 earthquake. Individuals, businesses and communities can take steps today to protect life and property when a serious earthquake strikes.

Launched in 2019, California's first-in-the-nation earthquake early warning system – Earthquake Warning California – uses earthquake science and technology to notify residents in advance of shaking, giving people brief but vital moments of warning to take lifesaving action. Californians can access these alerts through the no-cost MyShake App, Android Earthquake Alerts and government-issued Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs).

As part of our efforts to make communities more resilient and better prepared for earthquakes, Cal OES and the California Geological Survey will again join their partners to participate in the Great ShakeOut, along with millions of Californians and participants from around the world who have pledged to practice "Drop, Cover and Hold On" or "Lock, Cover and Hold On" for individuals using a wheelchair or assistive device.

Nothing can replace families having a plan for earthquakes and other emergencies. I urge all Californians to learn more about earthquake safety measures they can take at earthquake.ca.gov, and register for this year's Great ShakeOut at www.ShakeOut.org/California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom", written over a horizontal line.

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