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Dear Colleagues:

The M6.0 Antelope Valley earthquake that occurred on July 8 of this year serves as a reminder that earthquakes occur in California every year. Shaking felt from this earthquake spanned from the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains across our state to San Francisco. Only two short years ago, the M6.4 and M7.1 Ridgecrest earthquakes caused around \$30 million in damage, reminding us that preparedness and mitigation are a must.

As we mark the **Great California ShakeOut** this year on October 21, 2021, we encourage you to participate in the **ShakeOut** drill at 10:21am. You can share your drill online or in person with your family, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Everyone can practice "**Drop, Cover, and Hold On**," or "**Lock, Cover, and Hold On**" for individuals using a wheelchair or assistive device. Additional protective actions are available at www.ShakeOut.org.

In October of 2019, Cal OES publicly launched the **MyShake** mobile-phone application--the first of its kind in the nation--providing California Earthquake Early Warnings. It is important that everyone understand what to expect of the system and how to protect yourself when you receive the alert. "Don't Get Caught Off Guard"; visit www.earthquake.ca.gov for preparedness information and download the app to receive earthquake early warnings in California.

We must all remain vigilant in our preparedness for earthquakes, fires, and other hazards. Make a plan, have a kit, and practice safely.

Thank you for your commitment to safety and preparedness for all of California! Make a commitment to join the ShakeOut by registering your participation at www.ShakeOut.org/California.

Sincerely,

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