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## **Greene County Combined Health District Announces National Preparedness Month**

(XENIA, OH) The Greene County Combined Health District (GCCHD) announces National Preparedness Month, September 2009. This year marks the sixth annual observance of National Preparedness Month. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano announced that the main focus is on becoming better prepared for and more resilient in the face of emergencies of all kinds in addition to building a culture of personal preparedness and shared responsibility across our country.

There have been many instances over the years that have highlighted the benefits not only of being prepared as a nation, or state, but also as individual citizens. This has certainly been evident here in our own community as we reflect on the extended power outages of last September's wind storm, the potential emergencies winter weather brings, and the threat that the H1N1 Influenza virus adds to our 2009 Flu season. The Greene County Combined Health District is committed to sharing information to assist the community and individual families in sharing in the responsibility of becoming better prepared.

It is important for families and individuals to learn what they can do to be better prepared in the wake of emergency situations. The effort starts at home...one person, one family, one business at a time. The Greene County Combined Health District encourages all citizens of Greene County to take some time this month to assess your personal readiness. We invite you to visit our website at [www.gcchd.org](http://www.gcchd.org) as well as [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for tips, tools and a wealth of information to guide your preparedness efforts.

For more information, please call Sheryl Wynn, Emergency Preparedness Planner for the GCCHD at (937) 374-5670.

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