

THE CHURCH OF
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SPRINGVILLE UTAH HOBBLE CREEK STAKE

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Dear Members of the Hobble Creek Stake,

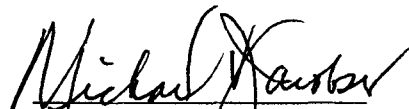
Emergency preparedness has always been an important emphasis within the Church. The First Presidency has said, "We encourage all members worldwide to prepare for adversity in life by having a basic supply of food and water and some money in savings...With careful planning, you can, over time, establish a home storage supply and a financial reserve." In keeping with this counsel, we are implementing a new Stake emergency preparedness program.

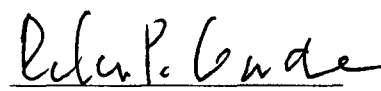
The purpose of this program is to increase family and individual emergency preparedness within the Stake, through a series of certifications. This merit-badge style program tries to emphasize the principle that emergency preparedness is much more than simply food storage, and to overcome the difficulty knowing where to start. Our motto for the program is the old adage, "By the inch it's a cinch, by the yard it's hard." We hope that by organizing the many areas of emergency preparedness into steps or levels of certification that more families will work toward better family preparedness.

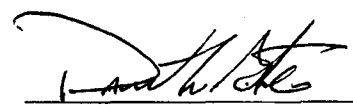
We have adopted emergency preparedness as the theme of the joint Priesthood/Relief Society meeting during Ward conference. The Stake emergency preparedness specialists and members of the High Council will introduce our new program at that time. The program emphasizes steady, incremental progress that simplifies the preparation process. There are three levels of "certification" that, when completed, will leave you confident in your ability to weather the storms of life. For example, the first certification level is designed to meet the most essential family needs of emergency preparedness and should be accomplishable by all members. As a Stake, we have a goal that every member of the Stake will be Level 1 certified within six months of your Ward conference.

As a Stake Presidency, we enthusiastically support this program as it helps you reach the goal of preparedness. We recognize that preparing may require some sacrifice. Please join with us and give your full support to this worthy effort. We know that the Lord will bless each of us as we work to fulfill the counsel of His prophets.

Sincerely,


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