



October 11, 2023

Dear Californians:

In 2023, Californians have experienced thirty (30) magnitude 4.0 or higher earthquakes. These earthquakes serve as a reminder that we need to be prepared to take protective action when strong shaking occurs.

This year's **Great California ShakeOut** is on October 19, 2023, and we encourage all Californians to participate in the **ShakeOut** drill at 10:19am. 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 2019, California launched the nation's first mobile phone earthquake early warning application, **MyShake**, and since then, millions of Californians have downloaded the app and received earthquake alerts. The Shakeout drill provides an all-important reminder of how to protect yourself when you receive the alert.

Californians must all remain vigilant in preparing for earthquakes, fires, floods, and other hazards. Make a plan, have a kit, and practice safety.

Thank you for your commitment to preparedness. Join the Great California Shakeout by registering at www.ShakeOut.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Ward".

NANCY WARD
Director

