



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: April 30, 2024

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

Majority Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming the Month of May 2024 as Wildfire Awareness Month

Whereas, the County of Sonoma has experienced devastating wildfires in three of the last seven years and the largest documented historical wildfires have all occurred in the past seven years;

Whereas, the 2017 Tubbs and Nuns Fires are some of the most destructive and deadliest wildfires in California history;

Whereas, approximately ninety-five percent of wildfires in California are caused by the activity of people, and therefore the public plays a critical role in preventing wildfires;

Whereas, Permit Sonoma's Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials Division, Fire Safe Sonoma, CAL FIRE, the Sonoma County Fire Chief's Association, Sonoma County Ag + Open Space, and other partner agencies have collaborated to prevent wildfire and ensure an adequate response when a wildfire does occur, including alerts and warnings and evacuations;

Whereas, Wildfire Awareness Month places emphasis on reducing wildfire ignitions and to encourage residents and property owners to be ready to evacuate, prepare their building, landscaping, and vegetation to defend against wildfire, and to organize their communities to provide for community-scale wildfire risk reduction;

Whereas, residents and property owners should always consider if their actions will cause a wildfire and take precautions to prevent a wildfire from occurring;

Whereas, an overall goal of fire agencies within Sonoma County is to reduce the total costs and losses from wildfire by protecting assets at risk through focused public education efforts such as that done by Fire Safe Sonoma;

Whereas, each year the State of California declares Wildfire Awareness Month as an important opportunity for California's communities and fire service agencies to work together to reduce the risk of wildfire and increase public safety and awareness through education on fire safety, preparation, and prevention.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved in an effort to promote fire safe practices within the County of Sonoma, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisor's hereby declare the month of May 2024, as Wildfire Awareness Month throughout this county, and we urge all the people of Sonoma County to take measures to prevent the outbreak and spread of wildfire within our County.

Supervisors:

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Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.