



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 12, 2026

Item Number: 2026-0475

Resolution Number: _____

Majority Vote Required

Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming the Month of May 2026 as Wildfire Community Preparedness Month

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

Whereas, the 2017 Tubbs and Nuns Fires are some of the most destructive and deadliest wildfires in Sonoma County 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 Sheriff's Office, Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management, Sonoma County Vegetation Management Program, and other partner agencies have collaborated to prevent wildfire, create wildfire resiliency, and ensure an adequate response when a wildfire does occur, including alerts and warnings and evacuations;

Whereas, Wildfire Community Preparedness 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 Community Preparedness 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 2026, as Wildfire Community Preparedness 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:

Hermosillo: Coursey: Gore: Hopkins: Rabbitt:

Ayes: Noes: Absent: Abstain:

So Ordered.