



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: May 3, 2022

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☒ Majority Vote Required

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Proclaiming the Week of May 2 to May 6, 2022 as Wildfire Awareness Week

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

Whereas, the 2017 Tubbs Fire currently ranks as the 2nd most destructive, and the 4th deadliest wildfire in California history, and the 2017 Nuns Fire currently ranks as the 13th most destructive;

Whereas, Permit Sonoma's Fire Prevention and Hazardous Materials Division, CAL FIRE, Fire Safe Sonoma, Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management, the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and local partner fire 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 Week places emphasis on reducing wildfire ignitions and for residents and property owners to prepare their building, landscaping, and vegetation, and being ready to evacuate;

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

1. Reducing wildfire ignitions, including through mowing, burn piles and dumping hot ashes or coals;
2. Preparing buildings and landscaping to reduce ember production pursuant to defensible space state laws (Public Resource Code 4291) and Sonoma County Code Chapter 13A; and
3. Be ready to evacuate. All residents in Sonoma County should take the time now to sign up to receive alerts and know their evacuation zones. Residents can sign up for alert and warning systems at <https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/sign-up/>. Residents should know their evacuation zones as listed in this link:
<https://socoemergency.org/get-ready/evacuation-map/>

Whereas, each year the State of California declares Wildfire Awareness Week 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.

Be It Further Resolved in an effort to promote fire safe practices within the County of Sonoma, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby declare May 2 through May 6, 2022 as Wildfire Awareness Week throughout this County, and we urge all of the residents of Sonoma County to take measures to prevent the outbreak and spread of wildfire within our County.

Supervisors:

Gorin:	Rabbitt:	Coursey:	Hopkins:	Gore:
Ayes:	Noes:	Absent:	Abstain:	

So Ordered.