County of Sonoma
State of California

Date: July 9, 2019

Item Number: _____

Resolution Number: _____

☐ 4/5 Vote Required

Gold Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Proclaiming Summer Months As Wildfire Awareness Season.

Whereas, the Sonoma Complex Fires of October 2017 severely affected the County of Sonoma, its residents, and damaged critical infrastructure and dwellings; and

Whereas, California's dry Mediterranean climate naturally lends the County of Sonoma to be particularly prone to wildfires; and

Whereas, despite recent rains, the lasting effects of the dead and dying trees in the State of California and County of Sonoma will create a significant fuel load; and

Whereas, climate change in California has magnified California's wildfire problem leading to larger and more damaging wildfires; and

Whereas, wildfires can impact how watersheds provide clean, reliable water supplies that are critical to California's people, environment and economy; and

Whereas, the employees of Sonoma County Department of Emergency Services, alongside CAL FIRE and local fire agencies are poised to respond to wildfires; and

Whereas, living in Sonoma County means residents need to be aware of the serious threat these wildfires can pose and to prepare accordingly; and

Whereas, all residents of Sonoma County must do their part to prepare for wildfires by maintaining 100 feet of Defensible Space around their homes as well as implementing strategies to fire-harden homes; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County declares Wildfire Awareness Season as an important opportunity for California's communities and fire service agencies to reduce the risk of wildfire and increase public safety and awareness through education on fire safety, preparation, and prevention; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved in an effort to promote fire safe practices within the County of Sonoma, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors hereby declares Wildfire

Awareness Season 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:

Gorin:　　　　　Zane:　　　　　Gore:　　　　　Hopkins:　　　　　Rabbitt:

　Ayes:　　　　　　Noes:　　　　　　Absent:　　　　　Abstain:

So Ordered.