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## RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING MAY 2025 AS WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

**WHEREAS**, May has been declared Wildfire Community Preparedness Month in Santa Barbara County; and

**WHEREAS**, Santa Barbara County has a well-documented history of wildfire risk and the threat of wildfire continues to grow increasingly prevalent and dangerous, and currently poses a year-round risk to both people and property locally and Statewide; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2024, including the Lake Fire in the Santa Ynez Valley, California experienced 8,024 fires that burned over 1 million acres, destroyed 1,569 homes, injured 57 firefighters, and resulted in the death or injury of an additional 19 civilians; and

**WHEREAS**, residents in wildfire-prone areas can take proactive measures to reduce the risk of injury and property loss by maintaining defensible space, implementing home hardening strategies, and participating in collaborative efforts, including firewise communities, which contribute to a safer, more resilient, fire-adapted county; and

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department works in close collaboration with Operational Area Partners to respond to wildfires, mitigate associated hazards, and reduce overall wildfire risk; and

**WHEREAS**, it is also important for residents, visitors, and travelers to take personal responsibility to prevent unintentional ignitions—such as ensuring trailer safety chains are not dragging, fully extinguishing campfires, and avoiding high-risk activities that can spark fires in dry conditions.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED THAT** this Board of Supervisor of the County of Santa Barbara proclaims May 2025 as Wildfire Community Preparedness Month and encourages everyone to participate in fire prevention and preparedness activities at home, work, school, and all locations, marking the beginning of a yearlong effort to improve wildfire awareness and safety.

*Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Santa Barbara County, State of California, on this 13th day of May, 2025, by unanimous vote of all members present.*



ATTEST:

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Clerk of the Board

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