

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
MAY 2024 AS
WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

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

WHEREAS, the threat of wildfire continues to be increasingly prevalent and dangerous; and poses greater risks to people and property than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a well-documented history of wildfire risk which has increased in both probability and severity as a result of relatively recent drought conditions and climate change; and

WHEREAS, residents in areas with a potential for wildfires can take proactive measures to reduce the risk of injury and property loss by maintaining defensible space around their homes, and proactive action by a single individual, or entire neighborhood, contributes to a safer, more resilient, and fire-adapted community; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department works closely with Operational Area Partners to respond to and reduce the risk of wildland fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors proclaims May 2024 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 the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of May 2024 by a unanimous vote of all members present.