

COUNTY OF RESOLUTION DECLARING WEEK OF MAY 21ST, 2007 WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK

SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

Whereas, the lack of rainfall preceding the 2007 fire season indicates that this is the 3rd driest year on record for Santa Barbara County, and

Whereas, the early state-wide predictions are for a very active fire season, and

Whereas, the 'dieback' of brush has an accumulated effect of additional tonnage of fire fuel load, and parched vegetation is reaching a critical low moisture content, and

Whereas, indications of fire activity in the Southeast portion of the nation have been previous indicators of an early fire season nation-wide, and

Whereas, recent county wind events have broken and dried hillside vegetation and have prompted extended weather forecasts of Santa Ana winds, sundowners and erratic weather patterns, and

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors in conjunction with County Fire agencies finds it necessary to proclaim the week of May 21st through May 28th as **Wildfire Awareness Week** because it is important that the citizens in Santa Barbara be made aware of the severe hazard potential this fire season and the Board of Supervisors urges that citizens in fire-prone areas actively clear vegetation surrounding their properties and review evacuation plans, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT AND IS THEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED that this Board of Supervisors recognizes the week of May 21, 2007, as "Wildfire Awareness Week."

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 22nd day of May, 2007, by unanimous vote of the members present.

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Clerk of the Board