



# COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING  
MAY 2023 AS  
WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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

**WHEREAS**, the threat of wildfire is becoming increasingly prevalent and dangerous, posing 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 by long-term drought 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 2023 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 2nd day of May 2023 by a unanimous vote of all members present.



*Pat Hillman*

Supervisor - 1st District

*Lawrence Cooper*

Supervisor - 2nd District

*Joan Hartman*

Supervisor - 3rd District

*Bob Nelson*

Supervisor - 4th District

*Stacy*

Supervisor - 5th District

ATTEST: *Mona Pavesato*  
Clerk of the Board