



PROCLAMATION

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO RECOGNIZING THE PERIOD OF MAY – OCTOBER 2026 AS WILDFIRE AWARENESS SEASON

WHEREAS, El Dorado County has experienced large and destructive wildfires; and

WHEREAS, wildfire significantly impacts wildlife in addition to the environmental, economic, and life safety of El Dorado County and its residents; and

WHEREAS, wildfire preparedness and resilience require a concentrated, shared effort among residents, agencies, and organizations to effectively reduce wildfire risk and improve overall resilience; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County has adopted a comprehensive wildfire prevention and preparedness strategy that fosters the creation, coordination, and maintenance of fire-adapted communities in alignment with federal, state, and local policies, plans, and initiatives; and

WHEREAS, fire prevention organizations in El Dorado County, including the County's Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience, local fire organizations, state and federal agencies, fire safe councils and Firewise communities, utilities, and other land management organizations throughout the County, are actively collaborating to coordinate prevention efforts and maximize the benefits of wildfire preparedness and mitigation projects; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents and communities join these efforts to prepare for wildfire and commit to becoming fire-adapted; and

WHEREAS, residents can prepare for wildfire by ensuring proper defensible space around their homes, implementing appropriate home-hardening measures, and using ignition-resistant building materials; and

WHEREAS, residents also play a critical role in preventing human-caused wildfires by following burning restrictions and avoiding activities that may cause wildfires; and

WHEREAS, supporting vital fuels reduction projects that complement defensible space and home hardening efforts helps protect communities and provide forest health benefits, including making room for new growth, recycling nutrients into the soil, and reducing the spread of harmful insects and disease in forests; and

WHEREAS, following this proclamation, an intensive multi-agency wildfire awareness campaign titled “Partners in Preparedness” will be launched to reinforce the importance of collaborative efforts in wildfire preparedness, highlight ongoing federal, state, local, and community initiatives, and educate residents on action they can take to strengthen community resilience; and

WHEREAS, by working together, we can be “Partners in Preparedness.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado declares the period of May through October 2026 as Wildfire Awareness Season as a means of educating and calling upon residents, agencies, and organizations within El Dorado County to work together to be prepared for wildfire.

Passed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the _____ day of _____, 2026.

Attest:

Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
by:

Deputy Clerk

Chair, Board of Supervisors