

Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

Declaring March 2010 our "March Against Wildfire" Month

WHEREAS, El Dorado County experienced major snowfall accumulations ranging from 8 to 24 inches in the 900 to 3,000 foot elevation range on December 7 & 8, 2009, followed by 5 days of freezing temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the lateral and midlevel structure of Blue Oak, Interior Live Oak, Black Oak and Grey Pine does not efficiently shed snow, and therefore a significant increase in surface and ladder fuels of approximately 30% additional fuel loading presently exists; and

WHEREAS, although wildfire plays a key role in ensuring the continued health of El Dorado County's natural resources, environment and ecosystems, it can also have devastating effects on the lives and property of our residents; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County's fire and related agencies provide the critical resources to suppress fires and support collaborative, community-based, public awareness initiatives such as becoming a recognized Firewise Community and encouraging homeowners to take responsibility by creating adequate, defensible space around their homes to prevent loss of life and property from wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is committed to help prepare our residents for the upcoming fire season through public education, community outreach, and various fire safe assistance programs; and

WHEREAS, March Against Wildfire is a vitally important initiative to encourage El Dorado County's fire agencies, organizations and communities to work together to reduce the risk of wildfire through hazardous fuels reduction and increased public awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors do hereb proclaim March, 2010 as "March Against Wildfire" Month.

Passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 2nd day of March 2010.

Chairman Norma Santiago Board of Supervisors

Attest:

Suzanne Allen de Sanchez Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Deputy Clerk