RESOLUTION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MARIN COUNTY

PROCLAIMING

WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK

MAY 1 - 7, 2017

WHEREAS, the five-year drought in California has ended leaving behind a buildup of drought killed trees and shrubs, combined with exponential vegetation growth from the wettest winter months. In more than 20 years yielding 190.41% of average, and with a May 15th start date for staffing of wildland fire engines throughout the state, it is crucial that our residents join their local fire agencies in preparing for the 2017 fire season; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin has experienced a number of serious wildfires in the past that destroyed homes and threatened lives. This year marked the 22nd anniversary of the Mt. Vision Fire when 12,354 acres burned, 45 primary structures were lost, and 422 people were evacuated; and

WHEREAS, wildfires poses a threat to lives, property of residents, visitors of Marin County, and can have a significant impact on the county’s environmental, economic, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, residents and land owners of Marin County can significantly reduce the threat of wildfire to their homes and communities through advance preparation “READY, SET, GO” Wildfire Action Plan and creation of defensible space; and

WHEREAS, reducing the threat of wildfire to homes and communities, takes coordinated action and effort among residents, homeowners, land managers and local fire agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Fire Department has taken every precaution to help protect residents and their property from wildfire. In the event of a major fire, firefighting resources will be stretched. Please prepare now to protect yourself, your family, and your property from a devastating wildfire. Take the time to learn more about how you can prepare and visit www.readysetgomarin.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims May 1 - 7, 2017 as Wildfire Fire Awareness Week, and urges all the people of Marin to heed the important safety messages of Wildfire Awareness Week, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Marin’s fire and emergency services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 9th day of May 2017.

JUDY ARNOLD - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 5 - PRESIDENT

KATIE RICE - SUPERVISOR, DISTRICT 2

COUNTY OF MARIN