

DECLARING MAY 6-12, 2007 WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK

WHEREAS, California's unique dry climate and topography lend themselves to wildfire conditions, and

WHEREAS, although fire plays a key role in ensuring the continued health of our natural resources, it can also have devastating effects on our communities as witnessed by the McNalley Fire of 2002, the largest wildfire in the history of Tulare County; and

WHEREAS, with more people living, working and recreating near wild land areas, there is an increased risk of fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, by suppressing fires and supporting proactive, community-based efforts to reduce fire hazards, California's fire agencies work to protect public safety, environmental health and our quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire Awareness Week is an important opportunity for California's fire agencies and communities focus public attention on ways to reduce the risk of wildfire.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tulare County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims the week of May 6-12, 2007, as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in Tulare County, and urge all citizens to join in celebration of this important observance by participating in the special events throughout the County.

May 8, 2007

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