



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

2021 WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WEEK

WHEREAS, over the last five years, Napa County has seen a rise in the number of large, damaging wildfires that have burned in excess of a quarter million acres, destroyed or damaged more than 2,800 structures, and tragically, taken the lives of 10 people in Napa County; and

WHEREAS, due to extremely dry conditions across California this year, another challenging peak wildfire season is anticipated; and

WHEREAS, Napa County continues to prepare ahead of this potential for major disaster, including the recent investment of \$6.4 million for wildfire prevention and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Fire Department, in partnership with Napa Firewise, has identified 42 priority fuel reduction projects that will help protect areas in the County that are most vulnerable to damaging wildfires; and

WHEREAS, the Napa County Fire Department's chipper program has responded to nearly 300 requests this year and has removed hazardous vegetation from those sites that would fill a football field 10 feet high, end zone to end zone; and

WHEREAS, the public has a prominent role to play in preparing for disasters, including wildfire; and

WHEREAS, emergency planning and public education are critical to making our community prepared for, and more resilient to, the impacts of wildfire and other extreme weather events in the face of our changing climate; and

WHEREAS, our community can prepare for wildfire season to help prevent loss of life and property by taking steps such as ensuring adequate defensible space around homes and buildings, making homes more fire resistant, and preparing for an evacuation; and

WHEREAS, community members can learn more about all aspects of wildfire safety and preparedness at www.ReadyForWildfire.org and our collaborative efforts to bring the most up-to-date preparedness information to our community through public education outreach.

NOW THEREFORE, I Alfredo Pedroza, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, County of Napa, State of California, proclaim May 2-8, 2021 as **Wildfire Preparedness Week** in Napa County and hereby encourage all residents and businesses to increase their awareness and preparedness for the impending wildfire season.

Alfredo Pedroza, Chair
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS