

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PROCLAMATION

DESIGNATING MAY 2026 AS WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, wildfire significantly impacts Lake County's environmental, economic, and social well-being and can occur during any month; and

WHEREAS, residents of Lake County's fire-prone communities must accept responsibility for living in high fire-hazard areas; and

WHEREAS, residents, property owners, utility providers, evacuation corridor owners, and essential services providers must prepare to survive wildfire by ensuring proper management of vegetation and debris surrounding their locations and must stay continuously vigilant throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, residents, citizens, and guests should take protective action immediately during a wildfire or any other emergency to keep themselves safe; and

WHEREAS, Zone 0 is the Ember-Resistant Zone, a combustible exclusion area, extending from buildings to 5 feet out, including the removal of vegetation, wood chips, and any fire-wicking materials connected to the structure; maintenance of this area has been proven by science to be the most important of all defensible space zones and is designed to keep fire or embers from igniting materials that can spread fire to your home; and

WHEREAS, using hardscape materials for landscaping, removing all dead or dying vegetation, removing all branches within 10 feet of any chimney or stovepipe outlet, clearing gutters of leaves and tree litter, limiting combustible items on top of decks, relocating firewood and lumber to Zone 2, and replacing combustible materials attached to the home with noncombustible alternatives are some examples for clearing Zone 0; and

WHEREAS, residents and property owners are required to create 100 feet of defensible space, reduce fuels, have their address clearly posted, requested to have a wildfire "Ready Set Go" plan, prepare for extended periods without electricity; and

WHEREAS, residents and property owners are required to follow Article VIII to Chapter 13 of the Lake County Code regarding Hazardous Vegetation and/or Combustible Material which requires that defensible space protections are accomplished on those portions of unimproved parcels adjacent to improved parcels and along roadways; and

WHEREAS, utility providers (Phone, Cable, Fiber, Electrical, etc) are requested to create defensible space and remove all fuels within 100 feet of infrastructure stations, transmission line systems earth to sky and have their address clearly posted; and

WHEREAS, evacuation and roadway corridor owners (Federal, Tribal, State, County, City, Private) are requested to create defensible space, limb up ladder fuels 10 feet, reduce and or remove all fuels within 100 feet of roadways; and

WHEREAS, essential services providers (Hospitals, Medical Clinics, Fire Stations, Police Stations, Government Facilities, Senior Centers, Care and Shelter locations), are requested to create defensible space and reduce and or remove all fuels within 100 feet of their infrastructure, have their address clearly posted, and prepare for extended periods without electricity.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Lake County Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the Lake County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Lake County Community Risk Reduction Authority, designates the month of May 2026, as Wildfire Community Preparedness Month in Lake County.

*~ What You Do Makes a Difference ~
Wildfire Knows No Season!*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 21st day of April 2026.

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER
Clerk to the Board

By: _____



COUNTY OF LAKE

Chair, Board of Supervisors