

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Fire Department

SUBMITTAL DATE: April 23, 2003

SUBJECT: Wildfire Awareness Week Proclamation – May 4-10, 2003

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Adopt Proclamation - Wildfire Awareness Week

BACKGROUND: The week of May 4-10, 2003 has been designated Wildfire Awareness Week in the State of California as an opportunity for California's fire agencies and communities to reduce the risk of wildfire and fire hazards, and increase public safety and environmental health. Our Department urges the Board of Supervisors to proclaim May 4-10, 2003 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Riverside County .

TOM TISDALE
County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA: N/A
CURRENT YEAR COST
NET COUNTY COST
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT
SOURCE OF FUNDS:

ANNUAL COST:
IN CURRENT YEAR BUDGET:
FOR FY:

CEO RECOMMENDATIONS:

APPROVE

County Executive Officer Signature:

Policy
 Policy

Consent
 Consent

Department Recommendation:
Per Executive Office:

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COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

PROCLAMATION

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, environment and ecosystems, it can also have devastating effects on our communities; and

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

WHEREAS, California's fire agencies work to suppress fires and support proactive, community-based efforts to reduce fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the California Fire Plan provides a framework for establishing and maintaining local fire safe councils to prepare communities for the fire season; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire Awareness Week is an important opportunity for California's fire agencies and communities to reduce the risk of wildfire and fire hazards, and increase public safety and environmental health;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, County of Riverside, State of California, do hereby proclaim May 4-10, 2003 as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in Riverside County.

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Supervisor, First District

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Supervisor, Third District

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