

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

513A



FROM: FIRE

SUBMITTAL DATE:
April 23, 2007


SUBJECT: Wildfire Awareness Week Proclamation – May 6-12, 2007

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Adopt Proclamation - Wildfire Awareness Week

BACKGROUND: The week of May 6-12, 2007 has been designated Wildfire Awareness Week in the State of California. This is an opportunity for California's fire agencies to educate citizens and communities on reducing the risk of wildfire by removing fire hazards and providing "Defensible Space". The goal is to increase awareness and preparedness for all citizens of the state. Riverside County is no stranger to Wildfire and the message needs to get to all residents.

Departmental Concurrence

The Riverside County Fire Department in cooperation with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), will be hosting a Wildfire Awareness Day event for the citizens of Riverside County on Saturday, May 12, 2007 from 9 AM to noon at Ryan Air Attack Base in Hemet, CA. Our Department urges the Board of Supervisors to proclaim May 9-16, 2005 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Riverside County.



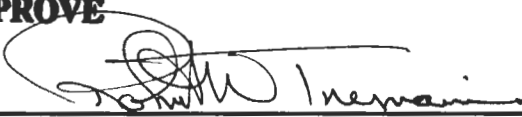
John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$	In Current Year Budget:
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$	Budget Adjustment:
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$	For Fiscal Year:

SOURCE OF FUNDS:	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE



County Executive Office Signature

Policy Policy
 Consent Consent
 Dept's Recomm.:
 Per Exec. Ofc.:

Prev. Agn. Ref.: | **District:** All | **Agenda Number:**

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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 a devastating effect on our homes and 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, Californians have a clear choice in making fire safe decisions by building with fire resistant materials, maintaining fire resistant landscaping and providing adequate clearance around their homes (Defensible Space), and by being active in fire safety in the community and reporting suspicious activity which helps reduce loss of life and property while protecting our precious natural resources; 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 6-12, 2007 as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in Riverside County, and encourage the citizens of Riverside County to be involved in the fire safety of their homes and communities.

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