

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

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**FROM:** FIRE

**SUBMITTAL DATE:**  
April 27, 2009


**SUBJECT:** Wildfire Awareness Week Proclamation – May 3-9, 2009

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** Adopt Proclamation - Wildfire Awareness Week

**BACKGROUND:** The week of May 3-9, 2009 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 the citizens of Riverside County. Riverside County is no stranger to wildfire and the message needs to get to all residents.

Departmental Concurrence

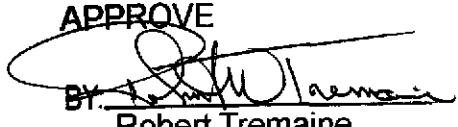
Our Department urges the Board of Supervisors to proclaim May 3-9, 2009 as Wildfire Awareness Week in Riverside County.

  
John R. Hawkins, County Fire Chief

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

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

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:**

APPROVE  
  
BY: Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

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

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

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**COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE  
PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Riverside County has a unique dry climate, weather features (winds) and topography that 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**, Riverside County fire agencies work to suppress fires and support proactive, community-based efforts to reduce fire hazards; and

**WHEREAS**, Riverside County Residents 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**, Riverside County is dedicated to being a leader in wildfire prevention, preparedness, and mitigation, and protecting the lives of the public and firefighters, while preserving valuable property and watershed; and

**WHEREAS**, wildfire poses a year round threat in Riverside County, and the county is committed to supporting and developing new ordinances and construction standards and implementing additional safety measures as developed and recommended by the Fire Hazard Safety Task Force and the County Fire Chief; 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 3-9, 2009 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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Supervisor, First District

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