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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF FRESNO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING THE WEEK OF)
MAY 6-12, 2018 AS "WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK")**

RESOLUTION NO. 18-183

WHEREAS, last year, California experienced five of the most destructive wildfires and four of the deadliest wildfires in the state's history. More than a million acres burned, thousands of structures were destroyed and sadly, too many lives were lost. As drought conditions continue, the citizens of California must do their part to help protect themselves and our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the ramifications of the Bark Beetle epidemic continue to increase the risk of large, devastating, destructive wildfires across the state. More than 129 million trees have already died from the combination of drought and Bark Beetles infestation. In some communities, up to 85 percent of the forest trees have been killed; and

WHEREAS, climate change in California has only magnified California's wildfire problem. The year-round wildfire danger is the new normal; there is no longer a Fire Season. With well over half of the State's top 20 largest wildfires occurring since 2002, it's clear that California's climate is becoming more susceptible to wildfires; and

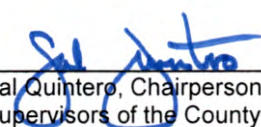
WHEREAS, fire is a consistent component of California's natural environment. Many native species depend on fire for survival. Unfortunately, this natural process often conflicts with human land use. To continue to enjoy the economic and recreational benefits of our lands, we must strive to achieve a balance between California's fire ecology and the need to protect human life and property; and

WHEREAS, must also recognize that a robust wildfire response by firefighters alone cannot protect us, and every citizen has an important role in preventing destructive wildfires from occurring. This week, we should all do our part to raise public awareness of the fire season that is already upon us, and take steps to protect our homes and business, and to prevent sparking a wildfire. One less spark means one less wildfire.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaim the week of May 6-12, 2018 as "Wildfire Awareness Week" in the County of Fresno and encourages all citizens to do their part in preventing wildfires.

THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Fresno this 8th day of May, 2018, to-wit:

AYES:	Supervisors Borgeas, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAINED:	None


Sal Quintero, Chairperson of the Board of
Supervisors of the County of Fresno

ATTEST:
BERNICE E. SEIDEL
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Fresno, State of California

By Susan Bishop
Deputy