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3 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**
4 **COUNTY OF FRESNO**
5 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 18-183**

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

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

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

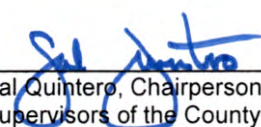
20 **WHEREAS**, fire is a consistent component of California's natural environment. Many native species depend
21 on fire for survival. Unfortunately, this natural process often conflicts with human land use. To continue to enjoy the
22 economic and recreational benefits of our lands, we must strive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

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

28 **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

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

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

By Susan Bishop
Deputy