PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, wildfire season is fast approaching, and the time has come for Californians to take the proper precautions to protect their homes, property and communities. When adequately prepared, Californians can reduce and avoid the perilous effects of wildfires. Additionally, we can help minimize the chances of forest fires devastating Californian's tremendous natural resources, and

WHEREAS, in 1905, the State Board of Forestry was formed in a landmark step toward conservationism. This year, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) celebrate its centennial. The CDF maintains a proud tradition of defending the environmental health of our forests and protecting the safety and well-bring of our residents; and

WHEREAS, this week, Californians will commemorate Wildfire Awareness Week and pay special tribute to CDF's professional firefighters and resource managers. Through fire safety awareness, Californians can help reduce loss of life and property while protecting our precious natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Napa County Board of Supervisors recognized the many years of cooperative fire services between CDF and Napa County that have been provided to Napa County residents; and

WHEREAS, Napa County recognized that wildfire is a significant risk to all citizens of Napa County, regardless of where they reside: and

WHEREAS, Napa County has partnered with other cities and communities in Napa County to create the Napa Firewise program to reduce or prevent the losses to both people and the environment during conflagration wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Diane Dillon, on behalf of the Napa County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim May 9 thru 16, 2005, as ***"Wildfire Awareness Week."***

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Diane Dillon, Chair
Napa County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

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Pamela A. Miller, Clerk of the Board