

City of San Rafael
In Recognition of
Wildfire Preparedness Month 2022

WHEREAS, the risk of wildfire in Northern California, Marin County and the City of San Rafael is apparent and remains an ongoing concern to community members, City leaders and Fire Department personnel, and

WHEREAS, the established purpose for and implementation of the City of San Rafael's Wildfire Prevention and Protection Action Plan was developed at the direction of City Council, and

WHEREAS, the voters in Marin County have passed Measure C which established the joint powers authority known as the Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, which directly supports the projects and programs that involve community outreach and education; creation of defensible space; improvement of evacuation routes and corridors; and provides for effective emergency warning and notification systems; and

WHEREAS, adapting homes and structures through the creation of defensible space with a "house out approach" can prevent ignition of structures and maintain critical housing for community members; and

WHEREAS, home hardening actions help adaptability by reducing the vulnerability of the homes and other structures located in the wildland urban interface and in doing so lead to favorable outcomes for those who may experience a fast moving or large scale wildfire; and

WHEREAS, the use of fire resistive ornamental plants and landscape techniques serve to help homes and structures survive a wildfire event; and

WHEREAS, an informed and active community is a proactive and prepared community; and given the climate, drought conditions, and other factors, hazard mitigation efforts are now a year-round requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2022 as

Wildfire Preparedness Month

and in doing so, urge all residents and community members to take adaptive wildfire preparation steps to increase our community's safety and reduce hazards and risks related to wildfire.



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Mayor