

City of San Rafael
In Recognition of
Wildfire Preparedness Month 2023

WHEREAS, the risk of wildfire in the City of San Rafael, Marin County, the State of California, and now in many areas of North America is a significant concern to community members, City, State, and Federal 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 involving community outreach and education; creation and maintenance of defensible space; assessment and improvement of evacuation routes and corridors; and provides for effective emergency warning and notification systems; and

WHEREAS, the creation of defensible space with a "house out approach" can protect lives and prevent ignitions of structures and maintain critical housing for community members; and

WHEREAS, the above and below mentioned actions combined with equipping, training, educating, and supporting fire service personnel enables a safe, effective, and responsible approach to suppression of fires in the wildland urban interface; and

WHEREAS, drought conditions and wildfire safety prescribe the use of fire adapted ornamental plants, home hardening efforts, and vigilant attention to vegetation management to help homes and structures avoid the destruction caused by 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 required year round to ensure community safety and resiliency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2023 as Wildfire Preparedness Month and in doing so, urge all residents and community members to take adaptive wildfire preparation steps to reduce our community's risk profile and achieve safety related to wildfire.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kate", is written over a horizontal line.

Mayor