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**Mono County Board of Supervisors Proclaims
May as National Wildfire Awareness Month**

MONO COUNTY, CA – May 20, 2025 – Earlier this month, the Mono County Board of Supervisors adopted a proclamation recognizing the month of May as National Wildfire Awareness Month. Mono County is situated in a high-risk wildfire environment and the Board understands that implementing measures that will prevent or mitigate the threat of wildfires is paramount to protecting lives, property, and natural resources.

With many local events co-sponsored by Mono County (whitebarkinstitute.org/events/) underway through the end of the month, National Wildfire Awareness Month is dedicated to educating the public about wildfire safety, mitigation, and the steps individuals and communities can take to reduce their risk.

A key initiative is the County's Firewise USA program, which empowers neighborhoods to work together to reduce wildfire risks by taking pragmatic, effective steps that have been proven to significantly reduce the loss of property and lives in the event of a wildfire. Through this program, communities can learn about creating defensible space, implementing critical and accessible home hardening techniques, and developing evacuation plans. More information about the Firewise Communities program and how to get involved can be found on the County's website at: monocounty.ca.gov/wildfire/page/firewise-communities.

"Wildfire preparedness is a shared responsibility," said Mono County Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator Wendilyn Grasseschi. "By recognizing National Wildfire Awareness Month, we emphasize the need for every individual and community in Mono County to take action now to protect themselves and help prevent devastating wildfires. We encourage everyone to reach out to us and to use the resources available through our Firewise Communities program and make preparedness a priority."

Residents are urged to use this month to assess their own wildfire risk, create or update their defensible space, assemble emergency kits, and sign up for local alert systems. Taking these steps today can make a significant difference when wildfire strikes.