

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF YUBA**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING FIRE)
PREPAREDNESS AND PREVENTION) RESOLUTION NO. 2021-155**

WHEREAS, catastrophic wildfires are at the forefront of policymakers minds, as fires have rampaged and devastated whole communities throughout California more than ever before; and

WHEREAS, over the past 5 years, California averaged 6,432 wildfires per year. In 2021 alone there have been 7,171 wildfire that have burned over 2,033,916 acres, with that number growing daily; and

WHEREAS, of the top 20 most destructive wildfires, 15 have happened since 2015, amounting to a total of 3,902,974 acres burned, 43,055 structures burned, and 152 total deaths; and

WHEREAS, property damage from wildfires runs in the billions of dollars annually and the health impacts of smoke inhalation from these fires constitutes a major public health challenge; and

WHEREAS, there have been multiple causes of these fires, including fuel management issues promulgated from state and federal policies, and a lack of resources; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and readiness can be improved across jurisdictions to help mitigate a fire's impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Cal Fire's Ready, Set, Go program is an example of messaging that all jurisdictions can promote to residents to help prevent home destruction, confusion surrounding an emergency, and deaths; and

WHEREAS, information regarding home hardening, creating a defensible space, and family communication; such as how to create a wildfire action plan, assemble an emergency supply kit, and formulate a family communication plan, should be a priority for all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, other than providing a fire fighting force, the second most important role that each government level can take is to ensure that all residents are notified of evacuation orders and fires through an emergency alert system; and

WHEREAS, each level of government plays a role before, during, and after these wildfire crises and each level should take responsibility for their jurisdiction on this issue.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Yuba County Board of Supervisors hereby determines that:

1. These facts demonstrate a need for all levels of government to provide support, resources, and actions in order to prevent catastrophic wildfires and the devastation they bring.
2. The Board approves this Resolution with a commitment to do their part in preventing these catastrophes.


PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Yuba, State of California on the 26 day of October, 2021 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Vasquez, Blaser, Fuhrer, Bradford

NOES: None

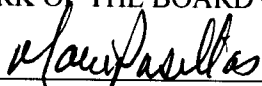
ABSENT: Supervisor Fletcher

ABSTAIN: None



Gary Bradford, Chairman

ATTEST: RACHEL FERRIS
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Mary Pasiillas, Board Clerk

MICHAEL J. CICOZZI
YUBA COUNTY COUNSEL
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

