

PROCLAMATION

OFFICES OF THE GOVERNORS

WHEREAS: Wildfires increasingly pose a threat to homes and communities throughout the West, as more people move into the wildland areas of our states. Most of these fires are human caused.

WHEREAS: This unprecedented growth of the wildland-urban interface has elevated the need for wildfire prevention and preparedness at both the community and individual homeowner levels.

WHEREAS: A long-term climate trend and the build-up of forest fuels have further increased the wildfire risk. These factors, coupled with the expansion of the wildland-urban interface, are challenging efforts to protect citizens, property and our natural resources.

WHEREAS: Wildfires are an essential ecosystem process which cannot be excluded from our landscapes. Therefore coordinated education concerning how, where, and why wildfires burn, as well as collaborated efforts to increase survivability of homes and property are paramount in co-existing in a fire environment.

WHEREAS: The local, state and federal wildfire agencies of California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, and Washington, in partnership with fire prevention organizations in those states, are working together to increase awareness of wildfires.

NOW, THEREFORE: We, Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor of the State of California; C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor of the State of Idaho; Steve Bullock, Governor of the State of Montana; Brian Sandoval, Governor of the State of Nevada; Kate Brown, Governor of the State of Oregon; Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the State of South Dakota; Gary Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah; Jay Inslee, Governor of Washington, proclaim the month of **May, 2016**, as

WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

in our respective states, and encourage all citizens to use this observance to take steps to better prepare their home and communities for wildfires and work toward becoming a fire adapted community.

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Sacramento in the State of California on this day, *April 27*, 2016.



Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor

Alex Padilla
Alex Padilla, Secretary of State

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Idaho to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Boise in the State of Idaho on this day, *April 18*, 2016.



C.L. "Butch" Otter
C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor

Lawrence Denney
Lawrence Denney, Secretary of State



WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Montana to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Helena in the State of Montana on this day, *March 25*, 2016.

Steve Bullock
Steve Bullock, Governor

Mike Cooney
Mike Cooney, Lieutenant Governor

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Carson City in the State of Nevada on this day, *May 2*, 2016.



Brian Sandoval
Brian Sandoval, Governor

Barbara K. Cegavske
Barbara Cegavske, Secretary of State



WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Oregon to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salem in the State of Oregon on this day, , 2016.

Kate Brown
Kate Brown, Governor

Jeanne P. Atkins
Jeanne P. Atkins, Secretary of State

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Pierre in the State of South Dakota on this day, *April 20*, 2016.



Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Shantel Krebs
Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State



WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Utah to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Salt Lake City in the State of Utah on this day, *March 15*, 2016.

Gary Herbert
Gary Herbert, Governor

Spencer J. Cox
Spencer J. Cox, Lieutenant Governor

WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the State of Washington to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Olympia in the State of Washington on this day, *February 26*, 2016.



Jay Inslee
Jay Inslee, Governor

Brad Owen
Brad Owen, Lieutenant Governor