



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Poudre Fire Authority and the City of Fort Collins recognize the increasing threat of wildfires and significant impact of wildfire smoke on air quality and public health; and

WHEREAS, we are committed to preparedness and resilience, and acknowledge the importance of proactive measures to protect our community, homes, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, record setting fires and devastation caused by the Marshall and Cameron Peak Fires have put concerns and even fear front and center for some; and

WHEREAS, we can all work together to prevent fires and lower our risk; and

WHEREAS, the first defense is to maintain a defensible space, so be sure debris such as leaves, twigs, and pine needles are raked at least 5 ft. from homes, and from under decks, porches, and structures and firewood should be at least 30 ft. from structures; and

WHEREAS, most homes lost in wildland fires are ignited by traveling embers that enter through windows or vents; one of the most effective ways to protect homes in rural areas or near open areas is to cover exposed eaves or attic vents with 1/8-inch metal mesh screening; and

WHEREAS, residents can sign up for wildfire alerts in Larimer County through NoCo Alert and use the Air Quality Index, by the City's Environmental Sustainability group, which helps people make informed decisions when air quality is impacted by wildfires; and

WHEREAS, while National Wildfire Preparedness Day is in May, the people of northern Colorado must plan, prepare, and prevent that day and many others.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby proclaim the week of June 4-10, 2023, as

WILDFIRE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION WEEK

in Fort Collins to recognize the impact prevention can have on protecting our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 6th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Mayor

Chief Deputy City Clerk