

PROCLAMATION NO. 24-04

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO**

**WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH
MAY 2024**

WHEREAS, wildfires increasingly pose a threat to homes and communities throughout the West with a changing climate and as more people move close to and into the wildland areas of our state. Most of these fires are human caused; and

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; and

WHEREAS, long-term climate trends 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 residents, property, and our natural resources; and

WHEREAS, to a certain extent, wildfires are a natural part of an ecosystem process that cannot be excluded from our landscapes. Therefore, coordinated education concerning how, where, and why wildfires burn, as well as collaborative efforts to increase survivability of homes and property and encourage more Coloradans to live wildfire ready, is paramount in co-existing in a fire environment; and

WHEREAS, the local, state, and federal wildfire agencies of Colorado, in partnership with fire prevention, land management, and wildfire adaptation organizations in the state, are working together to increase awareness of wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Huerfano County Board of County Commissioners that the month of May 2024 to be Wildfire Awareness Month, and all Huerfano County residents are encouraged to understand their role in preventing and preparing for future wildfires.

INTRODUCED, READ, APPROVED AND ADOPTED on this 14th day of MAY 2024.



ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HUERFANO COUNTY, COLORADO

BY _____
John Galusha, Chairman

Arica Andreatta, Commissioner

County Clerk and Recorder and
Ex-Officio Clerk to said Board

Karl Sporleder, Commissioner