



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PLACERVILLE RECOGNIZING THE PERIOD OF APRIL TO OCTOBER 2026
AS WILDFIRE AWARENESS SEASON**

WHEREAS, El Dorado County has experienced large and destructive wildfires, that have impacted the City of Placerville evidenced by the Mosquito, Caldor, King, and recently the Crozier Fire; and

WHEREAS, wildfire significantly impacts the environmental, economic, and social well-being of the City and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, wildfire preparedness and resilience require a shared effort between residents, agencies, and organizations to effectively reduce wildfire risk and improve overall resilience; and

WHEREAS, residents should prepare for wildfires by ensuring proper defensible space surrounding their homes, implementing appropriate home-hardening measures, and using ignition-resistant building materials; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents and communities work together to prepare for wildfire and commit to becoming fire adapted; and

WHEREAS, residents should also recognize their role in preventing human-caused wildfires by following burning restrictions and avoiding activities that can cause wildfires; and

WHEREAS, supporting vital fuels reduction projects that complement defensible space and home hardening helps protect communities and provides forest health benefits, including making room for new growth to provide forage for wildlife, recycling nutrients back into the soil, and reducing the spread of insects and disease in forests; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the City adopted a Hazardous Material and Combustible Materials Abatement Ordinance to reduce the potential for fire and to promote the public safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County has established an Office of Wildfire Preparedness and Resilience which, in coordination with other fire prevention organizations in the county, facilitates information exchange, coordinates wildfire prevention and mitigation planning efforts, and supports community organizations, agencies, and others engaged in wildfire preparedness and mitigation; and

WHEREAS, following this proclamation, an intensive multi-agency campaign will be launched under the theme "Hope is not a strategy – Be Prepared" to educate the public on the many actions they can take to prepare for and build resilience against wildfires, reinforcing the importance of collaborative efforts in wildfire preparedness; and

WHEREAS, achieving these wildfire preparedness and resilience goals is made possible through strong partnerships and by working together with the community to implement effective strategies and solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the City Council of the City of Placerville declares the period of April to October 2026 as Wildfire Awareness Season as a means for education and a call for residents, agencies, and organizations within the City of Placerville and El Dorado County to work together to be ready for wildfire.

Dated: March 24, 2026

Mayor Nicole Gotberg