



Proclamation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado

Declaring March 2010 our "March Against Wildfire" Month

WHEREAS, *El Dorado County experienced major snowfall accumulations ranging from 8 to 24 inches in the 900 to 3,000 foot elevation range on December 7 & 8, 2009, followed by 5 days of freezing temperatures; and*

WHEREAS, *the lateral and midlevel structure of Blue Oak, Interior Live Oak, Black Oak and Grey Pine does not efficiently shed snow; and therefore a significant increase in surface and ladder fuels of approximately 30% additional fuel loading presently exists; and*

WHEREAS, *although wildfire plays a key role in ensuring the continued health of El Dorado County's natural resources, environment and ecosystems, it can also have devastating effects on the lives and property of our residents; and*

WHEREAS, *El Dorado County's fire and related agencies provide the critical resources to suppress fires and support collaborative, community-based, public awareness initiatives such as becoming a recognized Firewise Community and encouraging homeowners to take responsibility by creating adequate, defensible space around their homes to prevent loss of life and property from wildfire; and*

WHEREAS, *the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is committed to help prepare our residents for the upcoming fire season through public education, community outreach, and various fire safe assistance programs; and*

WHEREAS, *March Against Wildfire is a vitally important initiative to encourage El Dorado County's fire agencies, organizations and communities to work together to reduce the risk of wildfire through hazardous fuels reduction and increased public awareness.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, *the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors do hereby proclaim March, 2010 as "March Against Wildfire" Month.*

Passed and adopted *by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting, held the 2nd day of March 2010.*

Attest:

*Suzanne Allen de Sanchez
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors*

By _____
Deputy Clerk

Chairman Norma Santiago, Board of Supervisors