

- j. Adopt Proclamation declaring May 4, 2024 as “Wildfire Community Preparedness Day” in Santa Clara County. (Office of the County Executive)

## ***PROCLAMATION FOR WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY***

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 16, 2020, the SCU Lightning Complex fires started and ultimately burned a total of 393,624 acres (currently the 4<sup>th</sup> largest California Wildfire since 1932) in Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, San Joaquin, Merced, and Stanislaus counties;

**WHEREAS**, on or about August 16, 2020, the CZU Lightning Complex fires started and ultimately burned a total of 86,509 acres and destroyed 1,490 structures in neighboring San Mateo and Santa Cruz counties;

**WHEREAS**, 12 of the Top 20 largest California wildfires, 12 of the Top 20 most destructive California wildfires, and 7 of the Top 20 deadliest California wildfires have all occurred within the last 7 years (since October of 2017);

**WHEREAS**, wildfires like the SCU and CZU Lightning Complex require a regional coordinated response—in which the County of Santa Clara serves as the Operational Area coordinator for local jurisdictions and supports their emergency response efforts—with a primary goal to save lives, protect property, and preserve the environment;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes the critical importance of wildfire preparedness planning, preparation, and mitigation by all county residents, workers, and students given our recent wildfire history and the ongoing impacts of global climate change;

**WHEREAS**, we can all prepare for wildfires by filling a Go Bag, creating and maintaining an evacuation plan, and signing up to receive emergency alerts at [www.AlertSCC.org](http://www.AlertSCC.org), and helping family, friends, and neighbors be ready; and

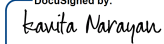
**WHEREAS**, it is incumbent upon us all, both as individuals and families and collectively as organizations, businesses, cities, towns, counties, states, and the nation to prepare ourselves and our communities; and all county residents can find additional wildfire emergency preparedness information at [www.PrepareSCC.org/Wildfire](http://www.PrepareSCC.org/Wildfire).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara does hereby proclaim Saturday, May 4, 2024 as

## **WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY**

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors, County of Santa Clara, State of California on this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of April, Two Thousand and Twenty-Four by unanimous vote.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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