



**Agenda Item B.2
PRESENTATION
Meeting Date: May 20, 2025**

**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California,
Recognizing the Month of May 2025 as Wildfire Community Preparedness
Month**



PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING, THE MONTH OF MAY 2025 AS WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS MONTH

WHEREAS, wildfires are becoming increasingly prevalent and dangerous, posing a greater risk to people and property than ever before; and

WHEREAS, Santa Barbara County has a well-documented history of wildfires, which have more common and severe due to long-term drought and climate change that impact the community regardless of where they live; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Fire Safe Council, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, and emergency preparedness organizations work closely with one other and other partners to respond to and reduce the risk of wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire Community Preparedness Month encourages everyone to do their part by participating in fire prevention and preparedness activities at home, work, and school, and marks the beginning of a year-long effort to improve wildfire awareness and safety; and

WHEREAS, throughout the month of May, residents are encouraged to take the following actions: Create and maintain a defensible space of at least 100 feet around homes and other structures; develop and practice a family evacuation plan, including a designated meeting place and multiple escape routes; assemble an emergency supply kit with essential items, such as water, non-perishable food, medication, important documents, and a change of clothes; sign up for emergency alerts and notifications at [Readysbc.org](https://www.Readysbc.org); and learn about local community resources and support for wildfire preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the community is invited to visit SBFireSafeCouncil.org for more information on how to get involved and be prepared to protect themselves, their family and their community from wildfire impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Council of the City of Goleta, California, does hereby recognize the month of May 2025 as Wildfire Community Preparedness Month.

APPROVED this 20th day of May 2025



PAULA PEROTTE
MAYOR