

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2026 AS NATIONAL
WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs has a well-documented history of significant impacts from wildfires, including loss of life, property damage, and long-term effects on community resilience; and

WHEREAS, wildfire remains one of the greatest natural hazards facing the Colorado Springs community due to its geography, climate, and proximity of development to natural wildland fuels; and

WHEREAS, current fire danger remains high, with environmental conditions that elevate the risk of ignition, rapid fire growth, and difficulty of suppression; and

WHEREAS, the region is experiencing record low moisture levels and persistent drought conditions, which further reduce fuel moisture, increase fire intensity potential, and heighten overall wildfire risk; and

WHEREAS, proactive public education, community preparedness, and mitigation efforts are critical to reducing wildfire impacts and improving community safety; and

WHEREAS, National Wildfire Awareness Month provides an important opportunity to raise awareness, encourage mitigation actions, and strengthen partnerships among residents, agencies, and organizations working to reduce wildfire risk.

WHEREAS, "Sharing the Responsibility" is our Wildfire Mitigation Program tagline, and National Wildfire Awareness Month is an opportunity to remind our community of the importance of their involvement in wildfire mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. City Council hereby recognizes the month of May 2026 as National Wildfire Awareness Month and encourages all residents to participate in wildfire preparedness activities, support mitigation efforts, and remain informed about wildfire risk throughout the year.

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 12th day of May, 2026.

Lynette Crow-Iverson, Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk