

Model Proclamation

(for Mayors, City Councils, Fire District Boards and other officials)

Wildfire Awareness Week 2007 Proclamation

WHEREAS, Oregon wildfires continue to threaten life, communities, and structures; and

WHEREAS, the number, size and intensity of wildfires continually challenges the state's efforts to protect life, property and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, with an increasing number of Oregonians living in, or bordering on areas vulnerable to wildfire, a growing number homes are being threatened by wildfire each year; and

WHEREAS, Oregonians need to understand the importance of using fire resistant materials when building and landscaping, as well as creating a survivable space around the property by reducing the fuel load; and.

WHEREAS, Oregon encourages fire-safe behavior by all who live, work and recreate throughout Oregon; and

WHEREAS, _____ (name of local organization) has planned a special campaign (or list specific event) in an effort to educate citizens about prevention using risk reduction activities and community-based events for WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK 2007; and

WHEREAS, all Oregonians share in the personal responsibility to lessen the impact of damage to life, property, and communities by wildfire.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, _____ (insert name), (Mayor, City Council or other (official) of the (City/County) of (City/County) do hereby proclaim May 6 - 12, 2007 as

WILDFIRE AWARENESS WEEK

in _____ (location - town, forest, county, etc.), and call upon all the residents of this community to join me in supporting the efforts and activities of the _____ (sponsoring organization) to reduce the risk to life and property loss as a result of wildfires because "Home Fire Safety is Up to You!"

A Public Awareness Campaign developed by the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal in partnership with the Oregon Department of Forestry, the Oregon Rangeland Association and a Coalition of Fire Service and Insurance Professionals.

