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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: October 10, 2017
TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board
SUBJECT: Resolution proclaiming October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week 2017 in Nevada County.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt the attached Resolution.

FUNDING: Not Applicable.

BACKGROUND:

Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health observance in the United States starting in 1925 with President Calvin Coolidge proclaiming October 4-10, 1925 as National Fire Prevention Week to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire which began October 8, 1871 but tore through and destroyed much of the City on October 9, 1871. As such, Fire Prevention Week is observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9th falls.

Every year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) outlines a theme for the week. For 2017, the theme is "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" The key campaign messages include:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Fire Prevention Week is supported by the Nevada County Consolidated Fire District who made the initial request for this item to be brought before the Board. Moreover, on February 14, 2017 the Board adopted Resolution 17-085 prioritizing the implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment as a Priority A Objective.

Therefore it is Staff's recommendation that the Board adopt the attached resolution proclaiming October 8-14, 2017 as Fire Prevention Week 2017 in Nevada County.

Item Initiated by: Jeffrey Thorsby, Senior Administrative Analyst
Approved by: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board