

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MONTH OF MAY 2015 AS
SOUTH DAKOTA WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Rapid City desires to provide an environment safe from wildfire while protecting the health and safety of its citizens, including all property situated therein; and

WHEREAS, wildfires threaten the environmental, economic, and social well-being of Rapid City residents while challenging firefighter's efforts to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, wildfire suppression costs represent only a small portion of overall economic impacts and do not reflect the total cost of catastrophic fires; and

WHEREAS, residents of Rapid City have the responsibility to recognize the high risk of wildfire and institute safe and early evacuation plans, increase their home's resistance to wildfire, and create fire adapted communities to increase the safety and survivability of the public and emergency personnel ; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire Awareness Month is an important opportunity for Rapid City residents and all South Dakota communities and fire service agencies to reduce the risk of wildfire, increase firefighter safety, and enhance public safety and awareness through education on fire safety, preparation, and prevention.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Rapid City that it supports the month of May 2015 as South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for this year, "Do Your Part Before Wildfires Start" is a call for the residents of Rapid City to educate themselves and to take action to reduce the wildfire threat to their homes and help their community move toward becoming a fire adapted community and

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

CITY OF RAPID CITY

Attest

Mayor

Finance Officer

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