

TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2024 – ___

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF “GET DEFENSIVE” LAKE TAHOE WILDFIRE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN
MAY – OCTOBER, 2024

WHEREAS, wildfire is a growing threat that significantly impacts Lake Tahoe’s environmental, economic, and social well-being; and

WHEREAS, TRPA is a founding member and active partner on the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team, which includes all local fire protection districts, the states through various agencies including the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Nevada Division of Forestry, the USDA Forest Service, and local governments at Lake Tahoe; and

WHEREAS, partners have worked collaboratively to treat more than 72,000 acres of forest for hazardous fuels reduction since the Angora Wildfire of 2007, and more than 94,000 acres overall; and

WHEREAS, years of coordinated work by property owners and Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team partners to thin forests, create defensible space, harden homes, and prepare for wildfire, combined with the heroic work of firefighters and weather conditions, saved Lake Tahoe communities from the 2021 Caldor Fire; and

WHEREAS, full- and part-time residents must “Get Defensive” and prepare to survive future wildfire by ensuring proper management of vegetation surrounding the home and hardening the home to reduce the risk of ember ignition; and

WHEREAS, full- and part-time residents need to work together to prepare their homes and communities to survive wildfire and commit to becoming fire adapted; and

WHEREAS, TRPA is actively supporting coordination among emergency management, transportation, and fire agencies to improve evacuation planning and residents can save precious time in an evacuation by preparing a “go-bag” and family evacuation plan ahead of time; and

WHEREAS, fuel reduction projects protect communities and provide environmental benefits that include making our forests more healthy and resilient while providing clean drinking water and wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, fire prevention is everyone’s responsibility and all must recognize their role in preventing human caused wildfires by following fire restrictions; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency adopts this resolution to support the Lake Tahoe Wildfire Awareness Campaign theme “Get Defensive” from May to October 2024 as a means to educate full- and part-time residents of the Lake Tahoe Region to work together to be ready for wildfire.

Passed and adopted this ___ day of ___ 2024, by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Absent:

Nays:

Cindy Gustafson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board