TAHOE REGIONAL PLANNING AGENCY
TRPA RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – __

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LAKE TAHOE WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MONTH: MAY 2026

WHEREAS, wildfire poses an increasing threat to the Lake Tahoe Basin, significantly impacting its environmental integrity, economic vitality, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) is a founding member and active partner of the Tahoe Fire and Fuels Team (TFFT), which includes all local fire protection districts, state agencies such as the California Tahoe Conservancy and the Nevada Division of Forestry, the USDA Forest Service, and local governments throughout the Lake Tahoe Region; and

WHEREAS, since the 2007 Angora Fire, TFFT partners have collaboratively treated more than 80,000 acres of forest for hazardous fuels reduction—and more than 102,000 acres in total—thereby reducing wildfire risk and improving forest health; and

WHEREAS, this August will mark five years since the 2021 Caldor Fire entered the Lake Tahoe Basin and put the coordinated efforts by property owners and TFFT partners to the test—including the strategic implementation of defensible space, home hardening, water infrastructure upgrades, evacuation preparedness, landscape-level forest restoration, and shaded fuel breaks; and

WHEREAS, this work combined with the bravery and swift action of firefighters and emergency responders helped save Lake Tahoe from the Caldor Fire and stopped the 2024 Davis Fire from becoming catastrophic; and

WHEREAS, TRPA actively supports coordination among fire, emergency management, and transportation agencies to enhance evacuation planning, and is actively working with these agencies to ensure emergency transportation and communications infrastructure in the Tahoe Basin is adapting to increasing climate-driven emergencies, and;

WHEREAS, all residents—both full-time and part-time—must “Get Defensive” by actively managing vegetation, maintaining defensible space, implementing home hardening practices to reduce the risk of ignition from embers, and preparing emergency go-bags and family evacuation plans; and

WHEREAS, becoming a fire-adapted community requires the collective effort of neighborhoods to prepare homes, plan for evacuation, and increase overall wildfire resilience and today more than 100 communities in the Tahoe Basin have joined the Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities and 61 have achieved specific Firewise USA® recognition; and

WHEREAS, fuels reduction projects not only protect life and property, but also contribute significant environmental benefits by improving forest health, supporting wildlife habitat, and safeguarding Lake Tahoe’s drinking water sources; and

WHEREAS, wildfire prevention is a shared responsibility, and residents and visitors alike must do their part by adhering to fire restrictions and practicing safe, responsible behavior outdoors to prevent human-caused wildfires;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency proclaims May 2026 as Lake Tahoe Wildfire Preparedness Month and supports the work of its partners on the Tahoe Fire and Fuels

Team to educate and inspire residents and visitors to take proactive steps to protect themselves, their communities, and the natural resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin from wildfire.

Passed and adopted this ___day of ____2026, by the Governing Board of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Absent:
Nays:

Hayley Williamson, Chair
Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
Governing Board