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BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

Whereas, the Commissioners of Brookings County are charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Brookings County, including all property situated therein; and

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

Whereas, the Commissioners of Brookings County have determined that in the interest of public health and safety; 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 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 Brookings County residents and all South Dakota's 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; now

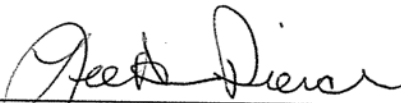
Therefore be it Resolved that Brookings County supports the month of May 2018 as South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month; and

Therefore be it Further Resolved that the theme for this year, "**One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire**" is a call for the residents of Brookings County 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.

Duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Brookings County Commission on the 1st day of May 2018.

BROOKINGS COUNTY COMMISSION:

ATTEST:



Chairperson





County Finance Officer