



CITY OF MORGAN HILL

# PROCLAMATION

## of the City of Morgan Hill

Proclaiming  
**The Week of May 7-13, 2018**

as

## **Wildfire Awareness Week**

**WHEREAS,** California has experienced a drastic increase in the occurrence of large, damaging wildfires. Half of the state's largest fires in recorded history have occurred in just the last 10 years. Fire seasons are becoming longer and hotter. The citizens of California must do their part to help protect lives, property, and our state's precious natural resources; and

**WHEREAS,** millions of dead and dying trees continue to increase the risk of destructive wildfires across the state. Despite recent rains, the lasting effects of the state's unprecedented bark beetle epidemic could persist for many more years. No amount of rain will bring back the 102 million trees dead from drought and bark beetles; and

**WHEREAS,** On October 30, 2015, Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. declared a state of emergency, seeking to help mobilize additional resources for the safe removal of dead and dying trees. CAL FIRE and the Office of Emergency Services convened the Tree Mortality Task Force, comprised of over 80 state and federal agencies, local and tribal governments, and utilities. To date, task force members have removed over 423,000 dead trees in high risk areas and they continue to coordinate emergency protective actions and monitor ongoing conditions; and

**WHEREAS,** firefighting alone cannot protect us, and every citizen, especially those living in fire-prone areas, has an important role in preventing loss of life and property from wildfire events. This week, we should all do our part to raise public awareness of the fire season that is already upon us, and take steps to prevent sparking a wildfire; and

**WHEREAS,** in conjunction with Wildfire Awareness Week, the Morgan Hill Fire Department and CAL FIRE have intensified their continuing efforts to educate homeowners on the steps they should take to prepare themselves for wildfire. This potentially lifesaving information can be found at [www.emberaware.com](http://www.emberaware.com).

**Now, therefore be it resolved that I, Steve Tate, Mayor** of the City of Morgan Hill on behalf of the City Council and all residents do hereby proclaim the week of May 7-13, 2018 as Wildfire Awareness Week. **In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Morgan Hill to be affixed this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2018**

Steve Tate, Mayor