

STATE OF COLORADO

COUNTY OF

JEFFERSON

PROCLAMATION



## Wildfire Awareness Month: May 2025

**WHEREAS**, Jefferson County recognizes the importance of preparing for and preventing wildfires, a critical issue due to Colorado's dry climate, forested landscapes, and increasing fire risks; and

**WHEREAS**, while about two-thirds of Jefferson County is above 6,000 feet in elevation and heavily forested, wildfires can impact anyone—urban, suburban, or rural—and preparation saves lives, homes, and ecosystems; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is intensifying fire seasons, making them longer and more severe; and

**WHEREAS**, in recent years we have seen several devastating fires in our state, underscoring the need for year-round vigilance; and

**WHEREAS**, with nearly 90% of wildfires in Colorado being human caused—wildfire education and preparedness is more important than ever before.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners of the State of Colorado, that May 2025 be declared Wildfire Awareness Month in this county.

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Lesley Dahlkemper, Chair

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Andy Kerr, Commissioner

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Rachel Zenzinger, Commissioner



May 13, 2025

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