



## Proclamation No. 5 Series of 2021

May is Colorado Wildfire Awareness Month

**WHEREAS**, wildfire significantly impacts Colorado's environmental, economic and social well-being;

**WHEREAS**, the historical wildfires of 2020 showed the potential for loss of life, structure loss, economic devastation and environmental degradation;

**WHEREAS**, wildfire presents a threat to the fragile wildlife habitat and health of Gore Creek;

**WHEREAS** residents of Colorado's fire-prone communities need to accept responsibility for living in high fire-hazard areas;

**WHEREAS** the most effective way to protect your home from wildfire is to maintain a 5' non-combustible buffer around your home;

**WHEREAS**, residents must prepare to survive wildfire by ensuring proper management of vegetation surrounding the home, and appropriate home construction and maintenance to resist ignition;

**WHEREAS**, wildfires can occur during any month; and

**WHEREAS**, residents must stay continuously vigilant and prepared for wildfire throughout the year.

**WHEREAS**, Vail Fire and Emergency Services provides a number of free services including home wildfire risk evaluations, curbside chipping and evacuation preparedness information.

**WHEREAS**, Everyone has a role in wildfire preparedness, response and recovery. Vail is committed to becoming resilient to wildfire by embracing the concepts of Fire Adapted Vail.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Vail Town Council hereby proclaims May 2021 to be Colorado Wildfire Awareness Month. The Town of Vail encourages its citizens to observe this month with educational programs and to take action now to reduce the wildfire threat and prepare their homes, families and community for wildfire, and stay prepared throughout the year.

**Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021**

**Vail Town Council**

**Attest:**



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Dave Chapin, Mayor

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Tammy Nagel, Town Clerk