

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-04**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT  
DECLARATION OF ARSON AWARENESS WEEK  
MAY 5-11, 2024**

**WHEREAS** The Novato Fire Protection District theme for the 2024 Arson Awareness Week:  
The goal of this year's campaign is to provide residents with strategies to combat arson in their neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS** The U.S. Fire Administration has designated the week of May 5-11 as Arson Awareness Week (AAW). The goal of this year's campaign is to provide residents with strategies to combat arson in their neighborhoods.

**WHEREAS** The U.S. Fire Administration's National Fire Incident Reporting System reports an estimated 16,800 intentionally set fires in residential buildings occur annually in the United States. These fires result in an estimated 280 deaths, 775 injuries and \$593 million in property loss each year.

**WHEREAS** Arson is sometimes used to mask or conceal another crime such as murder. The criminal sets the crime scene ablaze hoping that the victim's death will be attributed to the fire and not murder. Other crimes such as burglary and larceny are also commonly covered up by an arson fire.

**WHEREAS** Curiosity fires are most often set by juveniles. The misuse of fire has many variables including age, motivation for fire setting behavior, type of fires set, ignition materials used to set the fire, and the child's understanding and limitations of fire. Fire setting behavior is often a symptom of the problem and may be manifested through stress and crisis in children's lives.

**WHEREAS** We will use the week of May 5-11, 2024, to focus public attention on the importance of a collaborative effort with fire and emergency service departments, law enforcement, mental health, social services, schools, and juvenile justice to help reduce the occurrence of Arson in our community.

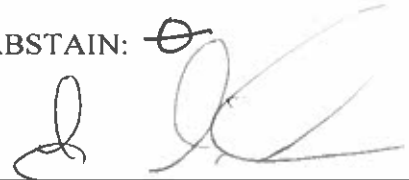
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that The Novato Fire Protection District Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, in Novato, California, hereby proclaims the week, beginning on May 5-11, 2024, as National Arson Awareness Week, and the first full week of May shall be so designated each year thereafter.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District, at a meeting held on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2024, by the following vote:

YES: *Davis, Francisco, Goines, Hadfield, Silverman*

NO: *0*

ABSTAIN: *0*

  
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President, Board of Directors

  
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Board Clerk