RESOLUTION NO. 2020-8

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
RECOGNIZING WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS WEEK MAY 3-10, 2020 ENCOURAGING
RESIDENTS TO TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE THREAT OF WILDFIRE TO THEIR HOMES
AND COMMUNITIES, FIRE DEFENSE IS SELF DEFENSE, GET READY, BE PREPARED.

WHEREAS, in the last five years, California has experienced ten of the most destructive
wildfires and four of the deadliest wildfires in the state's history. In the last two years across the
US, more than 9 million acres burned, over 4.5 million homes were destroyed including 25 billion
dollars in property loss and sadly, more than 100 lives were lost. The citizens of California must
all do their part to help protect our natural resources. The public must work locally to take
aggressive action to prepare themselves for wildfires, while May 1st starts the staffing of wildland
fire engines throughout Novato, it is critically important that our residents join their local fire
agencies in preparing for the 2020 fire season;

WHEREAS, the City of Novato and Unincorporated areas of Novato have experienced
several serious wildfires in the past that destroyed homes and threatened lives; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District have taken action
to adopt an Enhanced Wildfire Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire poses a threat to the lives and property of residents and visitors of
Novato; and

WHEREAS, Wildfire can significantly impact Novato's environmental, economic, and
social well-being; and

WHEREAS, Residents and land owners of the City of Novato and Unincorporated areas
of Novato can significantly reduce the threat of wildfire to their homes and communities by
advanced preparation of a Wildfire Action Plan - READY, SET, GO, create defensible space
and harden homes to keep embers out; and

WHEREAS, Reducing the threat of wildfire to homes and communities takes
coordinated action and effort between residents, homeowners, land managers and local fire
agencies, communities can apply for and become FireWise; and

WHEREAS, Residents and land owners of the City of Novato and Unincorporated areas
of Novato and designated FireWise communities can apply for Vegetation Management
Matching Grant funds through the Novato Fire Protection District; and

WHEREAS, Novato Fire Protection District takes every precaution to help protect its
residents and their property from wildfire; in the event of a major wildfire, firefighting resources
will be stretched. Everyone needs to prepare now to protect themselves, their family, and their
property from a devastating wildfire. Take the time to learn more about how one can prepare,
register to receive emergency notifications from ALERT MARIN and visit www.firesafemarin.org.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that The Novato Fire Protection District
Board of Directors meeting on Wednesday, May 6, 2020, in Novato, California, hereby proclaims
May 3-10, 2020 as Wildfire Preparedness Week, and we urge all the people of Novato to heed
the important safety messages of Wildfire Preparedness Week, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Marin's fire and emergency services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District, at a meeting held on this 6th day of May, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Paris, Galli, Gomes, Metcalf, Silverman
NOES: None
ABSENT: None

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PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ATTEST:
BOARD CLERK