

STATE OF ALASKA



Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy

WHEREAS, public and firefighter safety is the first priority in all wildland fire management activities within our state, and agencies and organizations in Alaska share common goals to provide protection and reduce loss of life and property while preserving and enhancing the health of forests and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, Alaska's vast expanses of wildlands serve as habitat for fish and wildlife, provide abundant recreational opportunities for residents and visitors, are home to extensive timber resources, and enrich our Alaskan lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, wildland fires are a natural and inevitable part of the ecosystem and are vital to the maintenance of forest health; they are also unpredictable and can spread at a swift pace, endangering lives and property; and

WHEREAS, in addition to naturally occurring wildfires, fires caused by people happen every year, and they typically pose more of a threat to residents, firefighters, and property. Wildland fires pose a serious public safety concern, so Alaskans must use precaution, practice prevention, and be prepared to protect the communities that are surrounded by, and intermingled with, undeveloped lands; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, the trend has been for earlier and longer fire seasons. On July 1, 2022 the Division of Forestry's name will be changed to the Division of Forestry and Fire Protection to better reflect the critical public safety and fire suppression responsibilities of the Division; and

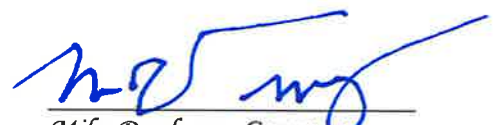
NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim May 8 - 14, 2022 as:

Wildland Fire Prevention and Preparedness Week

in Alaska, and encourage all Alaskans to recognize the importance of wildfires to the Alaskan landscape, be aware of their potential for damage, and commit to educating themselves on how to reduce the threat of wildland fires to our homes, property, and community.

Dated: May 8, 2022




Mike Dunleavy, Governor
who has also authorized the
seal of the State of Alaska to
be affixed to this proclamation.