

2016 National Arson Awareness Week — Proclamation

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WHEREAS, The National Association of State Foresters cites more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfire within the wildland urban interface; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that The International Association of Arson Investigators Inc., board of directors meeting in Executive Session on Nov. 1, 1985, in Atlanta, Georgia, hereby proclaims the week, beginning on May 4, 1986, as National Arson Awareness Week, and the first full week of May shall be so designated each year thereafter.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, [Governor's or Mayor's name], [Governor or Mayor] of [City or State], on behalf of its citizens do hereby proclaim May 1-7, 2016, to be National Arson Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [Governor or Mayor] and [insert Cabinet or Council, etc.] pay special tribute to all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the [insert Governor or Mayor] and [insert Cabinet or Council, etc.] of the [insert City or State] have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of the [insert City and County or State] to be hereunto affixed in the

[City or State] of _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2016.
_____[Signature]