

**2018 National Arson Awareness Week
Sample Resolution**

WHEREAS, The theme for the 2018 Arson Awareness Week: Reducing Arson at Vacant and Abandoned Buildings; and

WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Fire Administration, intentional actions were the leading cause of vacant residential building fires at 34 percent; and

WHEREAS, According to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, there have been an average of 550 reported incendiary/arson fires per year at properties reported as abandoned, vacant-secured and vacant-unsecured, uninhabited, idle, not routinely used, and being demolished; and

WHEREAS, According to the National Fire Protection Association reports, fires in vacant buildings are more likely to have been intentionally set and spread beyond the building than fires in other structures. They also cause a disproportionate share of firefighter injuries; and

WHEREAS, We will use the week of May 6 to 12 to focus on the importance of a cooperative effort with fire and emergency services departments, law enforcement, public works, insurance companies and the justice system to help prevent the horrendous crime of arson at vacant and abandoned buildings; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, [insert governor's or mayor's name], [insert governor or mayor] of [insert city or state], on behalf of its citizens, do hereby proclaim May 6 to 12, 2018, to be Arson Awareness Week.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the [insert 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 [insert city or state] have hereunto subscribed their names and have caused the Official Seal of [insert city and county or state] to be hereunto affixed in the

[Insert city or state] of _____ on this _____ day of _____ 2018.

[Signature] _____