



Office of Mayor PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, wildfire seasons have become longer and more destructive, which threatens communities throughout Washington; and

WHEREAS, our communities—especially communities including but not limited to our seniors, low-income residents, and those with disabilities and functional needs—have become increasingly susceptible to wildfire with increasing temperatures, decreasing summer rain, and earlier snowmelt and this has elevated the need for wildfire prevention and preparedness at both the community and individual homeowner levels; and

WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to help reduce the risk of wildfire while recreating outdoors; and

WHEREAS, outdoor burning is the leading human cause of wildfires, which can be prevented by following rules and laws; and

WHEREAS, Washington State Department of Natural Resources cited about 85 percent of all fires statewide were human caused and a majority of those human caused fires could have been avoided; and

WHEREAS, North Bend residents must understand that they need be prepared to survive wildfire by working together to prepare their homes and communities; and that preparedness actions they take on their property not only help their home have a better chance of surviving on its own during a wildfire incident, but also provides a safer space for first responders to help protect homes; and

WHEREAS, when whole communities implement appropriate pre-fire activities like evacuation planning, adding defensible space on their properties, and home hardening, they improve the survivability of their individual homes and community during wildfire; and

WHEREAS, local, state, and federal agencies and organizations work together to increase awareness of wildfire risk with the goal of ensuring that communities are prepared and resilient to wildfire;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Miller, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025, as

WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of North Bend and encourage our citizens to join us as we participate in Wildfire preparedness.



Signed this 6th day of May, 2025

Mary Miller
Mayor