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RESOLUTION 18-06

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING WILDFIRE AWARENESS MONTH. THE CITY OF BOX ELDER,
MEADE COUNTY, SOUTH DAKOTA.**

WHEREAS; the Box Elder City Council is charged with protecting the health and safety of the citizens of Box Elder including all property situated therein; and

WHEREAS; wildfires threaten the environmental, economic, and social well-being of Box Elder residents while challenging firefighter's efforts to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS; the Box Elder City Council has determined that in the interest of public health and safety; and

WHEREAS; wildfire suppression costs represent only a small portion of overall economic impacts and do not reflect the total cost of catastrophic fires; and

WHEREAS; residents have the responsibility to recognize the high risk of wildfire and institute safe and early evacuation plans, increase their home's resistance to wildfire, and create fire adapted communities to increase the safety and survivability of the public and emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS; Wildfire Awareness Month is an important opportunity for Box Elder residents and all South Dakota's communities and fire service agencies to reduce the risk of wildfire, increase firefighter safety, and enhance public safety and awareness through education on fire safety, preparation, and prevention; now

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOX ELDER that Box Elder City Council supports the month of May 2018 as South Dakota Wildfire Awareness Month; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the theme for this year, "One Less Spark, One Less Wildfire" is a call for the residents of Box Elder to educate themselves and to take action to reduce the wildfire threat to their homes and help their community move toward becoming a fire adapted community.

Dated at Box Elder, South Dakota, this *1st* day of *May, 2018*.

BOX ELDER COMMON COUNCIL

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Attest

Larry Larson
Mayor

Nicole Schneider
Finance Officer