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Date: 11/30/2023

To: Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

Re: Operation Lake Co Ready Application

On behalf of the City of Lakeport, please accept this letter of support for Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and Lake County Fire Chief's Association to submit an application for the Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant Program project: Operation Lake Co Ready. If funded, the project will supply critical fire prevention education and supplies to the communities served by each of the fire districts in Lake County.

The annual community outreach events hosted by Lakeport play a crucial role in fostering a resilient and well-prepared community in the face of potential disasters. These events serve as platforms for education, awareness, and collaboration, bringing together citizens, local authorities, and experts to create a united front against various challenges. This project will support the wildfire and disaster resilience of Lakeport and provide materials, education and supplies not currently available.

Lake County is nearly completely identified as very high or severe fire severity zones by Cal Fire. Furthermore, Lakeport stands out as one of the most economically challenged areas in the state, characterized by a substantial population of elderly and disabled residents. This initiative aims to engage with the community directly in their neighborhoods, supplying fire prevention materials at no cost, and delivering outreach programs that outline affordable measures each household can implement to safeguard against wildfires.

Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ron Ladd", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ron Ladd
Public Works Director
City of Lakeport