

**Crystal Markytan** 

Social Services Director
Public Guardian/Administrator

Date: Thursday, November 30, 2023

To: Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

Re: Operation Lake Co Ready Application

On behalf of the Lake County Department of Social Services, 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.

This project will support the wildfire and disaster resilience of our local community and provide materials, education and supplies not currently available.

Lake County is nearly completely identified as *very high* or *high* fire severity zones by Cal Fire. Additionally, the County is one of the poorest in the State and has a high concentration of elderly and disabled residents, many of which are homebound and will benefit from these resources. This project will meet the community in their neighborhoods, provide fire prevention supplies at no-cost and offer outreach that details budget friendly actions each household can undertake to prevent wildfire.

Thank you for considering this application.

Sincerely,

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