



Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Proclamation

Arson Awareness Week

By the Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion

Whereas, the theme for 2016 Arson Awareness Week is "Prevent Wildlife Arson – Spread the Facts Not the Fire"; and

Whereas, according to the Department of Interior's Wildland Fire Management Information System, during the five year period of 2010-2014, 23% of fires reported were arson; and

Whereas, according to the U.S. Forest Service, individual arson fires can cause damages to resources and communities totaling over a hundred million dollars; and

Whereas, according to the National Fire Protection Association during the 2007-2011 period, 20% of reported brush, grass or forest fires were intentionally set; and

Whereas, we will use the week of May 1-7, 2016 to focus attention on wildlife arson, particularly in the wildland urban interface; and

Whereas, the National Association of State Foresters cites more than 72,000 U.S. communities are now at risk from wildfire within the wildland urban interface.

Now, Therefore, I, Chris Barnett, Supervisor of the Charter Township of Orion, do hereby proclaim the week of May 1-7, 2016 as "Arson Awareness Week" and urge and encourage all citizens to help support the efforts of the local police and fire departments in preventing arson.

Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

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