RESOLUTION NO. 2009-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE ORANGE FIRE AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS PROCLAIMING MAY 3-9, 2009, AS "ARSON AWARENESS WEEK"

WHEREAS, arson is not simply a regional problem, but a serious national problem, causing loss of life and major destruction of homes, businesses and in some cases natural resources; and

WHEREAS, arson is a serious crime that affects all people and can be stopped only when residents realize the toll that fires caused by arson can take on everyone involved; and

WHEREAS, residents and their communities need to be vigilant about preventing arson and should report any suspicious activity they feel may be involved in arson or the possibility of arson; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme "Arson for Profit" focuses public attention on the alarming increase in the number of arson cases reported for profit when businesses or individuals set fires to reduce financial loss, recoup initial investments, or dispose of depreciated assets usually for a payout from insurance companies; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Fire Authority works in partnership with law enforcement agencies throughout Orange County to prevent arson and to apprehend and bring to justice those who are responsible for these destructive acts; and

WHEREAS, the goals of Arson Awareness Week include organizing local events that raise a community's awareness of arson issues and engaging national, regional and local media outlets in delivering the message; and

WHEREAS, public awareness is one of the specific responsibilities of the United States Fire Administration, the International Association of Arson Investigators, Inc. and the National Wildfire Coordination Group.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Fire Authority Board of Directors does hereby proclaim May 3-9, 2009, as "Arson Awareness Week."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orange County Authority Board of Directors pays special tribute to all fire and law enforcement investigative agencies for their dedicated and tireless service.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of April 2009.

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DONALD W. McCAY, CHAIR
Board of Directors

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SHERRY A.F. WENTZ, CMC
Clerk of the Authority