

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire;

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017;

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking;

WHEREAS, over the past year there have been 85 cooking fires across Orange County, 17 of which started from an oven;

WHEREAS, staying in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keeping a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keeping anything that can catch fire away from stove tops is critical; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council hereby declares October 4-10, 2020, as "Fire Prevention Week" and urges residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

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