

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; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms in the home can reduce the risk of dying in a fire by more than half. An average of 358,500 homes experience a structural fire each year; and

WHEREAS, three of every home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms. 16 percent of home fire deaths result from smoke alarms that failed to operate; and

WHEREAS, over the last year there have been 115 cooking fires across Orange County, at least 30 of which started in homes without functioning smoke alarms. In 2018, California was in the top three states in the United States with the largest numbers of fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, Orange County residents should install working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in the hallway outside the sleeping areas, and in each bedroom, check their smoke alarms monthly, replace batteries regularly, replace smoke alarms every ten years and create and practice their home escape plans; and

WHEREAS, Orange County residents are responsive to public education and outreach measures and can take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" effectively serves to remind us to learn the sounds of smoke alarms and how to respond to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council hereby declares October 3-9, 2021, as "Fire Prevention Week" and Garden Grove residents are urged to learn the sounds of smoke alarms, what those sounds mean, and how to respond to them and to support the many public safety activities and efforts during Fire Prevention Week 2021.

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