

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, more than a third of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms. The risk of dying in reported home structure fires is 55 percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 there was 100 cooking fires across Orange County. In 2019, California was in the top three states in the US 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 10 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 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape" effectively serves to remind us to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires

NOW, THEREFORE, the Garden Grove City Council hereby declares October 9-15, 2022, as "Fire Prevention Week" and urge Orange County residents to plan and practice a home fire escape. Everyone needs to be prepared in advance, so that they know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Orange County Fire Authority during Fire Prevention Week 2022.

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