

**Proclamation  
October 8-14, 2023 as 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, cooking is the leading cause of house fires and injuries in the nation causing nearly half of all home structure fires; and

WHEREAS, more than 3,000 Americans die in fires each year. 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. These fires result in 7 deaths every day; 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, 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention" 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 cooking fires

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove City Council does hereby declare October 8-14, 2023, as "Fire Prevention Week" and urge residents to practice safe cooking habits. Stay in the kitchen while cooking, remove items from around the stove that can catch fire, and support the many public safety activities and efforts during Fire Prevention Week 2023.

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