

RESOLUTION NO. 2024- 034

Fire Prevention Month 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE NORTHWEST FIRE DISTRICT PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 2024, AS "FIRE PREVENTION MONTH" IN THE DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Northwest Fire District is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our fire district; and

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

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Fire District residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Fire District residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities;

and

WHEREAS, Northwest Fire District residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month.

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Northwest Fire District's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you." serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

THEREFORE I, George Carter, Chairperson of the Northwest Fire District, do hereby proclaim October 2024, as Fire Prevention Month throughout the Northwest Fire District, and urge all the residents to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Northwest Fire District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board of the Northwest Fire District,
this 24th day of September, 2024.

George Carter
Board Chair

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Peg Green
Clerk of the Board

Thomas Benavidez
District Attorney