

Whereas, the City of Tulare is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the City; 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 caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; 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 two minutes to escape safely; and

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

Whereas, City of Tulare residents should be sure everyone in their home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

Whereas, City of Tulare 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, City of Tulare residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

Whereas, City of Tulare first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through fire prevention education; and

Whereas, City of Tulare residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to 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 Tulare residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

Now, therefore we, the City Council of the City of Tulare, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Tulare and urge all residents of Tulare to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Tulare Fire Department.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.

Dennis A. Mederos, Mayor

Terry A. Sayre, Vice Mayor

Jose Sigala, Councilmember

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