

PROCLAMATION

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 8-14, 2023

WHEREAS, Indian River County Board of County Commissioners is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Indian River County; 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, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 annually between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

WHEREAS, Indian River County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week, “Cooking safety starts with You. Pay attention to fire prevention,” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA do hereby proclaim October 8–14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this state, and I urge all the people of Indian River County to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Indian River County Fire Rescue.

Adopted this 3rd day of October 2023

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Joseph H. Earman, Chairman

Susan Adams, Vice-Chairman

Joseph E. Flesher

Deryl Loar

Laura Moss