

# PROCLAMATION

## IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2020, OCTOBER 4-10

**WHEREAS**, The Indian River County Board of County Commissioners is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all Indian River County residents and visitors; and Indian River County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injury through prevention and education; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® with fire departments in the United States responding to 357,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen, mostly from unattended cooking; and Indian River County's residents should observe safe cooking practices by staying in the kitchen when cooking, keeping a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keeping anything flammable away from cooking surfaces; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan and have working smoke alarms are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and Indian River County's residents are responsive to public education measures and can take steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme™, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking, to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that the Board does hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this county, and we urge all the people of Indian River County to check their kitchens for fire hazards, to use safe cooking practices, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Indian River County Fire and Rescue services.

Adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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