

# Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2022  
OCTOBER 9-15, 2022

*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. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire. Home fires killed more than 3,500 people in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 490,500 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 2 minutes to escape safely. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

*Whereas*, Indian River County's 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 Indian River County's residents should make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; 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 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 Residents of Indian River County it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida*, that the Board does hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this State, and we urge all the people of Indian River County to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Indian River County's fire and rescue services.

Adopted this 4th day of October, 2022.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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