

# *PROCLAMATION*

IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 5 - 11, 2025

*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 remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

*Whereas*, most of the electronics used in homes daily including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

*Whereas*, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

*Whereas*, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

*Whereas*, Indian River County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

*Whereas*, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

***THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA*** do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this state, and I urge all the people of Indian River County to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Indian River County Fire Rescue.

Adopted this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September 2025

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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