

# *Proclamation*

## **IN RECOGNITION OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 6-12, 2024**

*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*, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

*Whereas*, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

*Whereas*, residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of their home; 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 2024 Fire Prevention Week, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for 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.

*Now, Therefore, be it Proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Indian River County, Florida.* do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2024, 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 24<sup>th</sup> day of September 2024.

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INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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