



Proclaiming

October 6 – 12, 2024

National Fire Prevention Week in Ventura County

Whereas, Ventura County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; 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, from 2017 to 2021, U.S. fire departments responded to an average of 353,100 home structure fires per year, resulting in an annual average of 2,620 civilian deaths, 11,030 civilian fire injuries, and \$7.6 billion in direct property damage; and

Whereas, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, and the leading cause of kitchen fires is unattended cooking; and

Whereas, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

Whereas, Ventura County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

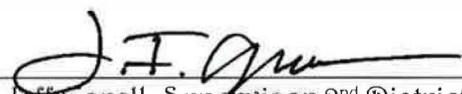
Whereas, Ventura County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

Whereas, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" serves as an important reminder for all of us to install, test, and replace smoke alarms to ensure they are functioning properly.

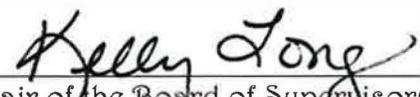
Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Ventura County Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week in Ventura County and strongly urges all residents to install smoke alarms in every bedroom and outside each separate sleeping area, to test smoke alarms at least once a month by pressing the test button, and to replace any smoke alarm that is 10 years old or fails to respond when tested. By taking these essential steps, you can protect yourself, your family, and your home from the dangers of fire.

Presented on this 8th day of October 2024


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