



PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 9 THROUGH OCTOBER 15, 2022 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN VENTURA COUNTY  
CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FIRE PREVENTION  
FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE.

**WHEREAS**, THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HAS JOINED THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (NFPA) IN REINFORCING LIFE-SAVING MESSAGES AS PART OF FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, WHICH IS HOSTED ANNUALLY IN OCTOBER AND IS CELEBRATING IT'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF FIRE PROTECTION WEEK; AND

**WHEREAS**, HOME FIRES CAUSED 2,580 CIVILIAN DEATHS IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2020, ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION® (NFPA®), AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES RESPONDED TO 356,500 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; AND

**WHEREAS**, 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

**WHEREAS**, A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN PROVIDES THE SKILL SET AND KNOW-HOW TO QUICKLY AND SAFELY ESCAPE A HOME FIRE SITUATION. THIS PLAN INCLUDES TWO EXITS FROM EVERY ROOM IN THE HOME, A PATH TO THE OUTSIDE FROM EACH EXIT, SMOKE ALARMS IN ALL REQUIRED LOCATIONS, AND A MEETING PLACE OUTSIDE WHERE EVERYONE IN THE HOME WILL MEET UPON EXITING; AND

**WHEREAS**, THE VENTURA COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IS COMMITTED TO ENSURING PUBLIC SAFETY AND REDUCING HOME FIRES AND HOME FIRE INJURIES THROUGH PREVENTION AND EDUCATION; AND

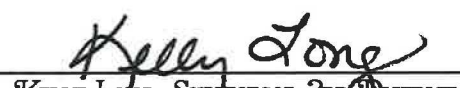
**WHEREAS**, THE 2022 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK THEME, "FIRE WON'T WAIT. PLAN YOUR ESCAPE." EFFECTIVELY SERVES TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE VITAL IMPORTANCE OF DEVELOPING A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN WITH ALL MEMBERS OF THE HOUSEHOLD AND PRACTICING IT TWICE A YEAR.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY PROCLAIM OCTOBER 9-15, 2022, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK. WE URGE EVERYONE IN VENTURA COUNTY TO DEVELOP A HOME FIRE ESCAPE PLAN AND PRACTICE IT TWICE A YEAR WITH FAMILY MEMBERS. THE PUBLIC IS ALSO INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN OPEN HOUSE ACTIVITIES HOSTED AT TWO LOCAL FIRE STATIONS DURING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2022.

PRESENTED ON THIS 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

IN MEMORIAM  
CARMEN RAMÍREZ

  
LINDA PARKS, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

  
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

  
ROBERT O. HUBER, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

  
VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT