

City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
Support of Cybersecurity Awareness Month

- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael recognizes that it plays a vital role in identifying, protecting its residents from, and responding to cybersecurity threats that may have significant impact to our individual and collective safety and privacy; and
- WHEREAS, critical infrastructure (i.e., financial services, educational institutions, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care, and emergency response systems, etc.) is increasingly reliant on the support of information systems and technology; and
- WHEREAS, cybersecurity education and awareness are crucial for everyone, including small businesses, financial institutions, schools, government agencies, non-profit organizations, home users, and anyone who connects to the internet, be it with a computer, mobile phone, or other internet-connected device; and
- WHEREAS, monitoring your accounts, being conscientious of what you share online, keeping computer software up to date, creating unique passwords and changing them regularly, installing antivirus programs and firewalls, and using mobile devices and other internet-connected devices safely, are ways people and organizations can protect themselves from phishing, viruses, ransomware, other types of malware, financial loss, and loss of sensitive data; and
- WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council are dedicated to the implementation and success of Cybersecurity Awareness Month, to help the community of San Rafael stay safe online and connect with confidence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, the Mayor and City Council of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the Month of October 2024,

Cybersecurity Awareness Month



Kate Colin
Mayor

**City of San Rafael
In Recognition of
Fire Prevention Week 2024**

- WHEREAS, Historically, one week every October is known as Fire Prevention Week and is intended to help raise awareness to the risks of various types of fires; 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, Fire Prevention Week was started by the National Fire Protection Association in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that killed over 300 residents and destroyed over 17,000 buildings; 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, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and
- WHEREAS, the San Rafael Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and; and
- WHEREAS, this year's fire prevention theme is, *Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!* The goal of this year's campaign strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.; and
- WHEREAS, smoke alarms are the single most important safety device that, when installed in the correct locations and properly maintained, alerts home occupants to a fire and provides the time needed to safely exit the home.
- WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and
- WHEREAS, residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and
- WHEREAS, residents should make their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6 through October 12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week and in doing so, urge all residents and community members to ensure that they have smoke detectors that are correctly located and properly maintained in the home.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate".

Kate Colin
Mayor