

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,

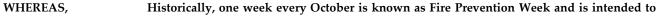
Cybersecurity Awareness Month

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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.

Kate Colin Mayor