

**City of San Rafael**  
**In Recognition of**  
**Fire Prevention Week 2025**

- WHEREAS, Historically, one week every October is known as Fire Prevention Week and is intended to help raise awareness of the risks of various types of fires; and
- WHEREAS, this year, Fire Prevention Week will be held from Sunday, October 5, to Saturday, October 11; and
- WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was started by the National Fire Protection Association in 1922 to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871; and
- WHEREAS, the Great Chicago Fire burned from October 8<sup>th</sup> to October 10<sup>th</sup>, killing over 300 residents and destroying over 17,000 buildings with damages totaling \$4.484 billion in today's dollars; and
- WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is the longest-running public health observance in our country; and
- WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week teaches children and adults how to stay safe in the event of fire; and
- WHEREAS, residential fires are the leading cause of injury and death and can affect anyone regardless of age, gender, race, orientation, income level, religion, or background; and
- WHEREAS, a recent fire in our community on August 21, 2025 tragically claimed the lives of two of our community members, while displacing 55 others, reminding us that San Rafael is not immune to this danger and that we all can make a difference in fire prevention; and
- WHEREAS, this year's fire prevention theme is, *Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.*"; and
- WHEREAS, Most electronics in homes are powered by lithium-ion batteries, and if not used correctly or damaged, can overheat and start a fire or explode.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5 through October 11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week and, in doing so, urge all residents and community members to take the steps, guidance, and measures necessary to use lithium-ion batteries with caution and care.



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

Kate Colin  
Mayor