City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
Fire Prevention Week 2026

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 4 to Saturday, October 10; 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 between October 8th to October 10th, and killed over 300 residents and destroyed 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, this year's fire prevention theme is *Charge into Fire Safety – Safe Charging is a Superpower;* and

WHEREAS, the theme focuses on everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer—*Plug in. Power up. Stay safe.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael do hereby proclaim the week of October 4 through October 10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week and, in doing so, urge all residents and community members to take the steps, guidance, and measures necessary to charge lithium-ion batteries with caution and care.

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THE CITY WITH A MISSION

Kate Colin
Mayor