

City of San Rafael
In Recognition of

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2021

WHEREAS, each year, the week within which October 9th falls is observed as Fire Prevention Week, in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871 killing 250 people, leaving 100,000 homeless, and destroying more than 17,400 structures; and

WHEREAS, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country; and

WHEREAS, during Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week encourages the opportunity to provide lifesaving education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties; and

WHEREAS, residential properties continue to be the leading property type for fires and fire deaths, and the most common cause for residential fires is cooking; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael will join the nation in emphasizing this year's theme of "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" because 'preparing for fires is protecting everyone you love'; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael urges everyone that when you hear the beep, please get on your feet, get to your meeting place, and stay out; and when you hear the chirp it's time to replace the batteries or to install a new alarm; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael also urges residents, business owners, and San Rafael employees to give the time, energy, and effort needed to ensure their safety and that of their families by ensuring that all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the home are functioning properly and that everyone in the household knows how to safely evacuate to a predesignated meeting location;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021 as Fire Prevention Week and, in doing so, urge all residents and community members to learn the sounds of fire safety.




Kate Colin
Mayor