

**City of San Rafael
In Recognition of
Fire Prevention Week 2022**

- WHEREAS, Historically, one week every October is known as Fire Prevention Week and is intended to help raise awareness to the risks of building fires; and
- WHEREAS, this year, Fire Prevention Week will be held from Sunday October 9 to Saturday October 15; 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. It 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 a 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, *Fire won't wait. Plan your escape* with an emphasis of having a home fire escape plan as well as knowing at least two ways out of the house; and
- WHEREAS, all primary level schools in San Rafael have been notified of Fire Prevention Week, offering our support, and how to access fire safety materials that can be shared with students.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kate Colin, Mayor of San Rafael, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 through October 15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week and in doing so, urge all residents and community members to have and practice a home fire escape plan.



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

Kate Colin
Mayor