

City of Petaluma

Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK – OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

WHEREAS, the city of Petaluma, CA and Petaluma First Responders are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city through prevention and education; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and seventy-five percent of all fire deaths, totaling 2,160 in the United States in 2023, occurred in the home; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, and will alert you, even when asleep, to danger when you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, this evening, Petaluma residents need to make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Petaluma Fire Department, in coordination with the American Red Cross and Rebuilding Together Petaluma, has installed hundreds of smoke and CO alarms in our community for our most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Petaluma residents can find more information about smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and how to test them, at the City's website, in the Fire Department section on Home Safety; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!," effectively serves to remind us that the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms and that having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of Petaluma to ensure they have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, know the sounds of the alarms, develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2024.

Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

Caitlin Corley, City Clerk