

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

***FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 8-14, 2023***

**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 2,850 in the United States 2021, 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**, 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking Safety Starts with You. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention," effectively serves to remind us it is important to keep ourselves and those around us safe when cooking.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, 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 to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Month 2023.

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Kevin McDonnell, Mayor

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Kami Noriega, Interim City Clerk