

PROCLAMATION

Recognizing October As Fire Prevention Month In the Town of Smithfield

WHEREAS, fire is a serious and constant threat to our community, causing significant loss of life, property, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is recognized as Fire Prevention Month, providing an opportunity to educate the public about fire safety and prevention; and

WHEREAS, the Smithfield Fire Department, in partnership with local organizations, is committed to promoting fire safety and reducing the risk of fires in our community; and

WHEREAS, the theme for Fire Prevention Month 2023 is "Prevent Cooking Fires: Watch What You Heat!"; and

WHEREAS, cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, with unattended cooking being the primary contributing factor; and

WHEREAS, the Smithfield Fire Department will be hosting various events and activities throughout the month to raise awareness about fire safety and prevention;

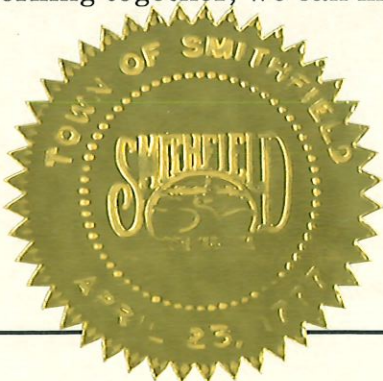
NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of Smithfield, NC, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2023 as Fire Prevention Month in Smithfield, NC. I urge all citizens to:

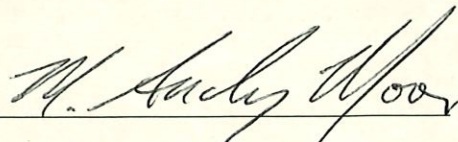
Practice fire safety by installing and maintaining smoke alarms, creating a home fire escape plan, and regularly practicing fire drills with their families;

Exercise caution while cooking by staying in the kitchen while cooking, using a timer to remind themselves of cooking times, and keeping flammable items away from the stove;

Participate in Fire Prevention Month activities organized by the Smithfield Fire Department, such as open houses, educational programs, and fire station tours, to learn more about fire safety and prevention.

By working together, we can make our community a safer place to live.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor