

Proclamation Recognizing October As Fire Prevention Month

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield do hereby proclaim October 2021, as

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in Smithfield, North Carolina, and I urge all citizens to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.



M. Andy Moore, Mayor