

Proclamation
Recognizing October 9-15,2022
As Fire Prevention Week
In the Town of Smithfield

WHEREAS, the Town for 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 2,580 people in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 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

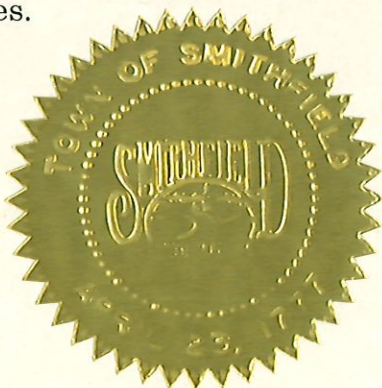
WHEREAS, first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and protection education; and

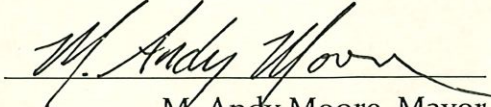
WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your escape.™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield do hereby proclaim October 9th through the 15th as

Fire Prevention Week

in Smithfield, North Carolina, and I urge all citizens to take time to have a fire escape plan and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.




M. Andy Moore, Mayor