

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

FROM: Mayor Terry Cunningham

SUBJECT: Mayoral Proclamation Proclaiming October 5th through 11th 2025 Fire Prevention Week

MEETING DATE: October 7, 2025

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Administration

RECOMMENDATION: Mayoral Proclamation Proclaiming Fire Prevention Week

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.1 Outreach: Continue to strengthen and innovate in how we deliver information to the community and our partners.

BACKGROUND:

In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance, making it the longest-running public health observance in our country. During Fire Prevention Week, children, adults, and teachers learn how to stay safe in case of a fire. Firefighters provide lifesaving public education in an effort to drastically decrease casualties caused by fires.

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage. This horrific conflagration killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2,000 acres of land.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: none

ALTERNATIVES: none

FISCAL EFFECTS: none

Attachments:

[2025 Mayoral Proclamation - Fire Prevention Week.pdf](#)

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