

# PROCLAMATION

## Fire Prevention Week October 4-10, 2020

**WHEREAS**, the city of Carson City, Nevada is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Carson City; 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 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire

**WHEREAS**, Carson City's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**THEREFORE**, I, Brad Bonkowski, Mayor Pro Tem of Carson City, Nevada on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of Carson City to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Carson City's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2020.



Dated this 1st day of October 2020.

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Brad Bonkowski, Mayor Pro-Tem