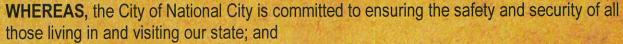


## Proclamation





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. Home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half. 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, National City residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home. National City residents should make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, National City residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month.

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, National City's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education. National City's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Ron Morrison, Mayor of the City of National City, urge all the people of National City to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of National City's fire and emergency services.; and

**BE IT PROCLAIMED**, I, Ron Morrison as Mayor of the City of National City, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the City of National City, affix the official seal and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of October 1, 2024 as

**Fire Prevention Week** 

Ron Morrison Mayor

Ditas Yamane Vice Mayor

Luz Molina Councilmember Marcus Bush Councilmember

Jose Rodriguez Councilmember

