



A PROCLAMATION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE CENTRAL FIRE DISTRICT DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9-15, 2022, AS "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

WHEREAS, the Central Fire District ("District") is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the District; and

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

WHEREAS, home fires caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® 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 working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

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

WHEREAS, Central Fire District 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

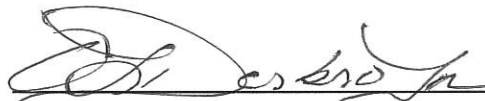
WHEREAS, Central Fire District residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

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

WHEREAS, Central Fire District residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™," effectively serves to remind our community that it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I, Orbrad Darbro, Board Chair of the Central Fire District of Santa Cruz County do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the District. We urge our community to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services, including our Annual Open House, to be held on Saturday, October 15th, from 11 AM to 2 PM.


Orbrad Darbro, Board Chair

ATTEST:



Jason Nee, Fire Chief/Board Secretary