



Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

OCTOBER 3-9, 2021

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

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms in the home can reduce the risk of dying in a fire by more than half. An average of 358,500 homes experience a structural fire each year; and

WHEREAS, three of every home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms and 16% of home fire deaths result from smoke alarms that failed to operate; and

WHEREAS, over the last year there have been 115 cooking fires across Orange County, at least 30 of which started in homes without functioning smoke alarms. In 2018, California was in the top three states in the U.S. with the largest numbers of fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, residents should install working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in the hallway outside the sleeping areas, and in each bedroom; check their smoke alarms monthly; replace batteries regularly; replace smoke alarms every 10 years; and create and practice their home escape plans; and

WHEREAS, residents are responsive to public education and outreach measures and can take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," effectively serves to remind us to learn the sounds of smoke alarms and how to respond to them.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tri Ta, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor Chi Charlie Nguyen, and Council Members Tai Do, Kimberly Ho, and Carlos Manzo, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021 as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the City of Westminster and urge Orange County residents to learn the sounds of smoke alarms, what those sounds mean, and how to respond to them and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Orange County Fire Authority during Fire Prevention Week 2021.

DATE: September 25, 2021


Tri Ta, Mayor