



# Proclamation

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 8-14, 2023

**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**, cooking is the leading cause of house fires and injuries in the nation causing nearly half of all home structure fires; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 3,000 Americans die in fires each year. 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. These fires result in 7 deaths every day; and

**WHEREAS**, more than a third of home fire deaths occur in homes with no smoke alarms. The risk of dying in reported home structure fires is 55 percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, Orange County 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention" effectively serves to remind us to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from cooking fires.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor of the City of Westminster, on behalf of Vice Mayor NamQuan Nguyen, and Council Members Amy Phan West, Carlos Manzo and Kimberly Ho, do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, as **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** in the City of Westminster and urge the residents to practice safe cooking habits, stay in the kitchen while cooking, remove items from around the stove that can catch fire, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Orange County Fire Authority during Fire Prevention Week 2023.

Signed and Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2023 by the City Council.

Chi Charlie Nguyen, Mayor

NamQuan Nguyen, Vice Mayor, District 4

Amy Phan West, Council Member, District 1

Carlos Manzo, Council Member, District 2

Kimberly Ho, Council Member, District 3