



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 8 – 14, 2023**

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our town; 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 more than 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association; 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, North Carolina's residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other items that could get hot; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; AND

WHEREAS, 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, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; AND

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ben Cahoon, Mayor of the Town of Nags Head, do hereby proclaim October 8 – 14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week, and I urge all the people of the Town of Nags Head to check their kitchens for fire hazards, use safe cooking practices, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Nags Head Fire Department.

All Town residents and visitors are invited to attend the annual Nags Head Fire Rescue Open House, held at the Douglas A Remaley Fire Station 16 on Thursday, October 12, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

This the 4th day of October 2023.


Ben Cahoon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk

