



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
OCTOBER 5 – 11, 2025**

WHEREAS, the Town of Nags Head is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in The Town of Nags Head and visiting; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily — including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys — are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use, such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage, can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries helps to prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Nags Head's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Ben Cahoon, Mayor of the Town of Nags Head, do hereby proclaim October 5 – 11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week. 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 9, 2025, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This the 1st day of October 2025.

Benjamin Cahoon, Mayor
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

Brittany A. Phillips, Town Clerk

