



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
OCTOBER 6 – 12, 2024**

**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**, in 2022 in the United States home fires killed more than 2,700 people and fire departments responded to 360,000 home fires; AND

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; AND

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

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms detect smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; AND

**WHEREAS**, Nags Head residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; AND

**WHEREAS**, Nags Head residents should make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; AND

**WHEREAS**, Nags Head residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; 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**, Nags Head first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Nags Head residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you" serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ben Cahoon, Mayor of the Town of Nags Head, do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week, and I urge all the people of the Town of Nags Head to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Nags Head Fire & Rescue. 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 10, 2024 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2024.

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Ben Cahoon, Mayor  
Town of Nags Head

ATTEST:

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Carolyn F. Morris, Town Clerk