

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- 295538

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WHEREAS, cooking, heating, and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms should be part of a thorough home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, the San Diego Fire Department is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Fire Department are joined by other concerned citizens of San Diego, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, we ask the people of San Diego to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to take the steps necessary to make their homes and families safe from fires; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that this week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the people of San Diego, hereby proclaims the week of October 7-13, 2001, as "**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK,**" in the City of San Diego.

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