

RESOLUTION NUMBER R- **297119**

ADOPTED ON **OCT 07 2002**

WHEREAS, Fire kills 3,500 to 4,000 people in the United States each year and 80 to 85 percent of all fire deaths occur in the home; and

WHEREAS, taking simple safety precautions, such as identifying and removing everyday home fire hazards, can help prevent the majority of home fires and home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, proper installation, testing and maintenance of smoke alarms listed by qualified laboratories are part of a system of fire protection; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan, with two ways out of each room and an outside meeting place, and practicing it twice a year with every member of the household are critical to escaping a fire; and

WHEREAS, the more than 1,000 men and women of San Diego Fire & Life Safety Services proudly serve the citizens of San Diego and are committed to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Diego recognizes Fire Prevention Services Week, which commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings and even today serves as a motivating force to bring the people of San Diego together to build a fire safe community; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of San Diego, that this Council, for and on behalf of the citizens of San Diego, does hereby proclaim the week of October 6 through 12, 2002, as **"FIRE PREVENTION SERVICES WEEK"** in the City of San Diego, and

encourages the community to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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