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# *Proclamation*

## **Fire Prevention Week**

**WHEREAS, the Carrboro Fire-Rescue Department’s core mission includes protecting lives, property, and the community from the destructive effects of all hazards; and**

**WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue uses a multifaceted community risk reduction model to achieve this mission, which includes education, engineering, fire code enforcement, economic incentives, and emergency response; and**

**WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue’s 36 first responders responded to 1955 calls for service in fiscal year 2023; and**

**WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue has had one promotion to the rank of battalion chief, one promotion to the rank of captain, and one promotion to the rank of drive in the past year; three employees have completed the fire officer certification; and nine employees have completed the driver/operator certification; and**

**WHEREAS, also in fiscal year 2023, Carrboro Fire-Rescue added a new engine to the fleet that is designed to better serve our community; and**

**WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and**

**WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half, and people who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and**

**WHEREAS, the National Fire Prevention Association has designated October 8 to 14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week, an annual observance now in its 101st year; and**

**WHEREAS, Carrboro Fire-Rescue’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Damon Seils, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 8 to 14, 2023, to be Fire Prevention Week in Carrboro. I encourage all residents to ensure everyone in their home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond, to make a home fire escape plan, and to**

ensure their smoke alarms are working and meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities. I also encourage residents to share their appreciation for Carrboro Fire-Rescue's dedicated first responders and to learn more about the community risk reduction services the department provides.

This the 3rd day of October 2023.

*Damon Seil*

Damon Seils, Mayor

