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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 1901 calls for service in fiscal year 2024; and,

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

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

**WHEREAS**, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States 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 sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and,

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

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

**WHEREAS**, Carrboro 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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barbara M. Foushee, mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 6 to 12, 2024, 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 1st day of October 2024.**

*B.M. Foushee*  
Barbara M. Foushee

