

RESOLUTION NO. 82-20

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2020  
AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF  
COLORADO SPRINGS

**WHEREAS**, the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Colorado Springs, 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**, home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017, and two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves and, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Springs residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; 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 working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, Colorado Springs first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education and Colorado Springs 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 2020 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

Section 1. That the Colorado Springs City Council, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2020, as Fire Prevention month throughout this city, and urge all the people of Colorado Springs to check their kitchens for fire hazards and using safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Month 2020, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2020.



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Council President

ATTEST:



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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

