RESOLUTION NO. ____-22

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2022 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 2,580 people in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association[®] (NFPA[®]), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme- "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." effectively reminds residents that it is vital to have a home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs 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

WHEREAS, smoke alarms detect smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of a fire in which you may have less than two minutes to escape safely; working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms and knows how to respond, and they make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; 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

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents are responsive to public education measures and are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That, City Council hereby recognizes the month of October 2022 as Fire

Prevention Month and urge all the people of Colorado Springs to plan and prepare for a home

fire during Fire Prevention Month 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and

efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this _____ day of _____, 2022.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk