## RESOLUTION NO. RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2021 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 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association<sup>®</sup> (NFPA<sup>®</sup>), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; 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 working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; 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 will 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 are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Section 1. Therefore, the Colorado Springs City Council, does hereby proclaim the month of October 2021, as Fire Prevention Month urge all the people of Colorado

Springs to "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety" for Fire Prevention Month 2021 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk