

RESOLUTION NO. 132 - 23

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT OCTOBER 2023 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 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Month theme “Cooking safety starts with you. Pay attention to fire prevention”, effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen, with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking and more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs residents should have properly working smoke and Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarms and know how to respond when they sound as properly 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 be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention 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. City Council hereby recognizes the month of October 2023 as Fire Prevention Month and urges all the people of Colorado Springs to plan and prepare for a home fire during Fire Prevention Month 2023 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Colorado Springs Fire Department.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 26th day of September 2023.


Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:


Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk

