

Proclamation

*Fire Prevention Week
October 8-14, 2023*

WHEREAS, the Town of Castle Rock is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the Town; 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 caused 2,800 civilian deaths 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, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 annually between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, Castle Rock's 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, Castle Rock's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

THEREFORE, we, the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, do hereby proclaim

October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week

throughout the town, and urge all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards, to learn and implement safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK:

Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

Jason Gray, Town Mayor

