

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week

October 6-12, 2024

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 2,700 civilian deaths in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; 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

WHEREAS, Castle Rock's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; and residents should make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; , 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

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.™," serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. **THEREFORE**, we, the Town Council of the Town of Castle Rock, do hereby proclaim

October 6-12, 2024 as Fire Prevention Week

throughout the town, and urge all residents to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms 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

