

# Proclamation

*Fire Prevention Week  
October 4-10, 2020*

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Castle Rock is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our 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 killed more than 2,720 people in the United States in 2018, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 363,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 172,900 annually between 2014 and 2018; 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

**WHEREAS**, Castle Rock's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Castle Rock's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fire and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Castle Rock's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme™, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" effectively 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 4-10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week

throughout this town, and urge all the people of Castle Rock to check their kitchens for fire hazards during Fire Prevention Week 2020 and using safe cooking practices at all times, and to support the public safety efforts of the Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK:

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Lisa Anderson, Town Clerk

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Jason Gray, Town Mayor

