



## **A Proclamation by South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors in Recognition of Fire Prevention Week – October 8 – 14, 2023**

Proclamation No. 2023-02

**WHEREAS**, South Metro Fire Rescue is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those who live, work, visit, and play in our District; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of South Metro Fire Rescue's Community Risk Reduction, Fire Marshal, Communications, Fire Suppression, and Emergency Medical Services are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of death, injuries, and property damage through the identification of risks, education of citizens, enforcement of codes and standards, investigation of fires and explosions, and response to emergency incidents; 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 over 2,840 people in the United States in 2021, according to the U.S. Fire Administration, and fire departments in the United States responded to 353,500 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, South Metro Fire Rescue responded to more than 700 home structure fires since 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, District residents who 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**, District residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a home fire; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alert you to danger, and cut the risk of dying in half in the event of a home fire; and

**WHEREAS**, District residents should make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Cooking safety starts with you! Pay attention to fire prevention™,” working to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the South Metro Fire Rescue Board of Directors recognizes October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week and urges all citizens of the District that “Cooking safety starts with you! Pay attention to fire prevention™.

ADOPTED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023.

By: James E Albee  
SMFR Board Chair