



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING OCTOBER 6-12, 2024 AS
“FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”**

WHEREAS, the City of Arroyo Grande is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Arroyo Grande; 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 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association®, 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, 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, Arroyo Grande residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; 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, the Five Cities Fire Authority is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Arroyo Grande residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme of “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you,” serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare October 6–12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City, and urge all the people of Arroyo Grande to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our local fire department, the Five Cities Fire Authority.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 24th day of September 2024.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

