



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING OCTOBER 9-15, 2022 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 2,880 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; 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, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, Arroyo Grande residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond and should make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Arroyo Grande 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, Arroyo Grande first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Arroyo Grande 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, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape.™," effectively serves to remind Arroyo Grande that it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare October 9th through 15th, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City, and urge all residents of Arroyo Grande to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the
Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 27th day of September 2022.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

