



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING OCTOBER 8-14, 2023 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 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; 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; 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Cooking safety starts with you. Pay attention to fire prevention!” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare October 8–14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City, and urge all the people of Arroyo Grande to check their kitchens for fire hazards and to use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, 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 26th day of September 2023.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR

