



PROCLAMATION

PINELLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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, Pinellas County fire rescue agencies are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), fires caused over 3,000 civilian deaths, more than 15,000 civilian injuries, and \$12 billion in direct property damage in the United States annually, and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 500,000 home fires; and

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

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none are working, usually because batteries are missing or dead, or they are disconnected; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Pinellas County residents should check the age of smoke alarms and replace all smoke alarms at least once every ten years; and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "*Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years*" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners that the week of October 9 to October 15, 2016 be recognized as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hands and caused the seal of Pinellas County, Florida to be affixed this 27th day of September, 2016.

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Charlie Justice, Chairman

Handwritten signature of Janet C. Long in black ink.

Janet C. Long, Vice Chairman

Handwritten signature of Dave Eggers in black ink.

Dave Eggers, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Pat Gerard in black ink.

Pat Gerard, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of John Morroni in black ink.

John Morroni, Commissioner

Handwritten signature of Karen Williams Seel in black ink.

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Handwritten signature of Kenneth T. Welch in black ink.

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