



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole is committed to helping ensure the health and safety of all those living and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Prevention Association, more than 1.3 million fires were reported by Fire Departments in 2016, resulting in an estimated 3,390 civilian deaths; the highest number of deaths since 2007; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the primary cause of home fires and associated injuries, and carelessness is the leading cause of fire related deaths; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires by 50%; and

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinkler systems reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 80%; and

WHEREAS, City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; 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, the 2018 Fire Prevention Week theme, *“Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware, fire can happen anywhere.”* Look – for places fire can start; Listen – for the sound of the smoke alarm, Learn – two ways out of each room; and


THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim October 7th through October 13th, 2018 as:

“Fire Prevention Week”

and urge all residents of the City of Seminole and the greater Seminole area to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of *Fire Prevention Week 2018*, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts being held by the City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 9th day of October, 2018.




Leslie Waters, Mayor