

Proclamation Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern, with people at greatest risk from fire in residential homes; and

WHEREAS, fires cause devastating personal injury and property loss throughout New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents perform their responsibility to help protect their homes and families by practicing simple fire prevention measures every day, such as to never leave cooking unattended and keeping the cooking area clean and free from other ignitable materials, being cautious with home heating equipment, keeping anything that can burn at least three feet away, and ensuring that heating equipment and chimneys are cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional; and

WHEREAS, it is also important for every household to have properly functioning fire safety equipment, such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms, and fire extinguishers and to test them regularly, as well as have a well-prepared fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, by following and utilizing these important fire safety and prevention guidelines and methods, we can reduce fire-related injuries and prevent future loss of life in our communities. We encourage everyone to practice this year's fire safety theme, **LOOK** for possible fire hazards in your home and eliminate them, **LISTEN** for your home's smoke alarms and know that you may have only minutes to get out if a fire breaks out, **LEARN** two ways out of each room of your home. Exits should be easy to access and free of clutter. After leaving the home, go to your family's designated meeting spot, established when you set up a home fire escape plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Danielle DiPaola, do hereby proclaim the month of October as:

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

In the Borough of Emerson



Danielle DiPaola, Mayor
October 18th, 2022

