



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Rosa is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, cooking fires represent the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment and unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, these fires resulted in an average of 550 civilian deaths and 4,820 civilian injuries reported annually in the United States from 2014-2018, according to the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, ranges or cooktops were involved in 61 percent of reported home cooking fires 87 percent of cooking fire deaths, and 78 percent of cooking fire injuries nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa's residents should keep a close eye on what they are cooking and never leave cooking unattended; and

WHEREAS, residents should keep oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains, at least three feet away from stovetops; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," works to better educate the public about where potential cooking hazards exist and basic but critical ways to prevent them.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Tom Schwedhelm, Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa, on behalf of the entire City Council, urge all the residents of Santa Rosa to be aware of cooking fires and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Santa Rosa's fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week and do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020 as



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm
September 29, 2020