

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council joins fire departments, firefighters, and first responders nationwide in recognizing Fire Prevention Week with activities centered around this year's theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!"; and

WHEREAS, to increase the chance of survival in case of a fire, every household should create an escape plan by drawing a layout of one's home that highlights all doors and windows, discuss the plan with everyone at home and practice a fire drill at night and during the day at least twice a year, including closing doors while leaving the house; and

WHEREAS, make sure someone will help children, older adults and people with disabilities wake up and get out; and

WHEREAS, everyone should learn two ways out of every room and check to see that doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter; and

WHEREAS, designate a meeting place outside that is a safe distance from the home so each person can be accounted for, and be sure that everyone knows how to call the fire department at 9-1-1 once they are outside; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms are effective early warning devices that alert occupants of a possible fire and should be located on every level of the home and inside and outside sleeping areas; and

WHEREAS, simple actions, such as regularly inspecting the home to identify and eliminate any potential fire hazards, can keep our homes and families safe from fire year-round;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, JOSHUA B. GREEN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2019 as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in exercising vigilance to protect their homes and families, heeding fire prevention safety messages, and supporting the safety activities and efforts of Hawai'i's fire and emergency services.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this eighteenth day of September 2019.

JOSHUA B. GREEN

Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i

DAVID Y. IGE

Governor, State of Hawai'i