



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to helping ensure the safety and security of those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), in 2020, fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires, and home fires caused more than 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms detect smoke well before you can and alert you to danger in the event of a fire at which time you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and

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

WHEREAS, Hawai'i residents should ensure everyone in the home understands the sound of the alarm and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i residents should ensure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of their family, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinklers are widely recognized as the single most effective method for fighting the spread of fires in their early stages before they cause severe injury to people and damage to property; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape," effectively serves to remind people that it is important to have a home fire escape plan;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 9–15, 2022 as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge everyone to check their kitchens for fire hazards, use safe cooking practices, and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Hawai'i's fire and emergency services.

Done at the State Capitol in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this seventh day of October 2022.


DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i