



WHEREAS, Gaston County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and,

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States; two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and,

WHEREAS, residents should stay in the kitchen when cooking food on the stove or in the oven and keep a kid-free zone around cooking areas; and,

WHEREAS, this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" works to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gaston County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaims October 4-10, 2020, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout this community and urge the community to participate by checking their kitchens for fire hazards and establishing safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

Tracy L. Philbeck, Chairman

Chad Brown

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To be Adopted the 27th Day of October 2020



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Emergency Management Board Action

File #: 20-468

Commissioner Chad Brown - Emergency Management/Fire Services - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 4-10, 2020 as Fire Prevention Week and Adopt the Theme: Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!

STAFF CONTACT

Kevin Gordon - Emergency Management/Fire Services

BACKGROUND

National Fire Prevention Week is observed across the United States each year during the first full week (Sunday thru Saturday) that contains the date of October 9th. The Fire Prevention Week 2020 campaign highlights this year's focus on cooking safety and preventing kitchen fires at home. National Fire Prevention Association has plenty of fire safety materials for kids and adults. Get helpful tips on creating a kid-free zone in the kitchen, how to extinguish a small fire with a lid, staying focused and alert while cooking, distributing materials at safety events, and more. This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" because unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires.

ATTACHMENTS

Proclamation

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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