



# Gaston County

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## Board Action Report

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Commissioner Chad Brown - Fire Marshal - Proclamation - To Proclaim the Week of October 6-12, 2019 as Fire Prevention Week and Adopt the Theme: Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!

### **STAFF CONTACT**

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### **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. It commemorates the Great Chicago Fire, a horrific conflagration that burned from Sunday, October 8, to early Tuesday, October 10, 1871. The fire killed more than 250 people, destroyed more than 17,400 structures, and burned more than 2000 acres of land in Chicago. In the United States, the first Presidential proclamation of Fire Prevention Week was made in 1925 by President Calvin Coolidge. The non-profit NFPA (National Fire Protection Association), which has officially sponsored Fire Prevention Week since its inception, selects the annual theme for Fire Prevention Week. On the 40th anniversary (1911) of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America; the oldest membership section of the NFPA, sponsored the first National Fire Prevention Day, deciding to observe the anniversary as a way to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention. This year's FPW campaign, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" works to educate everyone about the small but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Proclamation