



Fire Prevention Week Proclamation

To designate the Week of October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week

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

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, El Mirage's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stove top, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

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

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

WHEREAS, the City of El Mirage Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme™, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

THEREFORE, I Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor of the City of El Mirage, in recognition of this event do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week, and I encourage the community to observe this week by checking their kitchens for fire hazards and using safe cooking practices and to support and participate in the fire prevention educational activities and efforts of the El Mirage Fire Department.

Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor