



PROCLAMATION

Fire Prevention Week - October 8-14, 2023

WHEREAS the City of El Mirage is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; 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 in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 annually between 2016 and 2020; and

WHEREAS 2 out of 5 home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of the fires resulting from unattended cooking; 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 El Mirage residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; 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 almost in half; and

WHEREAS El Mirage's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS El Mirage residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," 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 El Mirage do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Fire and Emergency services.

Alexis Hermosillo, Mayor