



## Proclamation

### To designate the Week of October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week

**WHEREAS** the state of The City of El Mirage is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

**WHEREAS** home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS** roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

**WHEREAS** smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS** The City of El Mirage residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home, and meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and should test smoke alarms at least once a month; 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** The City of El Mirage first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS** The City of 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 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.™,” serves to remind of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**THEREFORE**, I, Mayor Alexis A. Hermosillo, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week and I urge all residents of El Mirage to check and make sure their homes have working smoke alarms during Fire Prevention Week 2024, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Fire and Emergency services.

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Alexis A. Hermosillo, Mayor