

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ormond Beach is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and visitors. Fire is a serious public safety concern locally and nationally; the Ormond Beach Fire Department urges all residents to take steps to prevent home fires and wildfires; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2021, local fire departments responded to an estimated 1.35 million fires in the United States. These fires caused 3,800 civilian fire deaths and 14,700 reported civilian fire injuries. The property damage caused by these fires was estimated at \$15.9 billion. Therefore, homeowners should maintain working smoke alarms and focus on preventing the top five causes of home fires: cooking, heating, smoking, candles, and electrical; and

**WHEREAS**, residents who live near woodlands should clear flammable vegetation away from their homes, and everyone should have an up-to-date emergency plan to prepare for a sudden disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ormond Beach first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires, fire injuries and sudden disasters through prevention and protection education. The 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." effectively serves to remind residents that it is important to have a home fire escape plan; and

**WHEREAS**, we owe a great debt to our brave first responders and firefighters who run toward disasters to fight fires, and we remember the sacrifices of those who gave their lives for others.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Bill Partington, Mayor of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, do hereby proclaim October 9 through October 15, 2022, as

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the City of Ormond Beach and urge all residents to plan and practice a home fire escape and encourage all to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Ormond Beach Fire Department.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Ormond Beach, Florida, to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

  
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**BILL PARTINGTON**

Mayor