

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3  
Tom Miller, County Executive Officer

DATE: September 28, 2010

SUBJECT **PROCLAMATION** - Approve a Proclamation declaring October 3-9, 2010 as Fire Prevention Week throughout Placer County.

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**ACTION REQUESTED**

Approve a Proclamation declaring October 3-9, 2010 as Fire Prevention Week throughout Placer County.

**BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS**

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to support National Fire Prevention Week scheduled for October 3-9, 2010.

The intent of National Fire Prevention Week is to educate communities about fire safety techniques and promote fire safety in schools, on the job, in homes and anywhere fire can occur. The National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of National Fire Prevention Week for 90 years. This year they chose the theme "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" They chose this theme to educate people about the importance of having smoke alarms in good working order and to regularly check them to maintain maximum home smoke alarm protection.

Placer County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the County and has supported National Fire Prevention Week in years past.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None

# PROCLAMATION

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**In the matter of a Proclamation declaring October 3-9, 2010  
as Fire Prevention Week throughout Placer County.**

**Whereas**, Placer County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and

**Whereas**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk to fire; and

**Whereas**, nearly 3,000 people die each year as a result of home fires; and

**Whereas**, roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from home fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and

**Whereas**, working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half; and

**Whereas**, the National Fire Protection Association recommends at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) outside all sleeping areas, and in all bedrooms; and

**Whereas**, informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and

**Whereas**, Placer County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire deaths and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

**Whereas**, Placer County's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**Whereas**, the October 3-9, 2010 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" actively works to motivate Placer County residents to implement smoke alarm recommendations in their homes.

**Now, Therefore Let It Be Known That**, the Placer County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare October 3-9, 2010 as Fire Prevention Week throughout Placer County and we urge all the people of Placer County to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2010, and to support the many activities and efforts of Placer County's fire and emergency services.

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