

Office of the Mayor
Arkansas City, Kansas
Arkansas City
Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has designated the **second full week of October** as Fire Prevention Week; and

WHEREAS, homes are the locations where people are at the greatest risk of fire injury and death; and

WHEREAS, the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires, home fire injuries, and carbon monoxide poisoning through education, prevention, and protection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Arkansas City's residents are responsive to public education measures and able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fires, especially in their homes and kitchens; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme — "Cooking safety starts with YOU! Pay attention to fire prevention", — puts the focus on educating the public about simple but important steps to reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe; and

WHEREAS, according to the NFPA, cooking is the leading cause of home fires with nearly half of all home fires involving cooking equipment and injuries. Unattended cooking being the leading cause of home cooking fires and related deaths.

NOW, THEREFORE, The Mayor of the City of Arkansas City, Kansas, calls upon all citizens to observe the week of **October 8-14, 2023**, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in Arkansas City and urge all citizens to check their homes for fire hazards and take measures to be more aware while cooking during Fire Prevention Week, and all times, as to support the activities and efforts of the Arkansas City Fire-EMS Department.

*In witness thereof I have hereunto set my
hand and caused this seal to be affixed:*

Name/Title: Diana L. Spielman, Mayor
Date: September 19, 2023