

City of Brisbane PROCLAMATION

DECLARING OCTOBER 5-11, 2025 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane and the North County Fire Authority are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Brisbane and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily – including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys – are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA)® reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Brisbane's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

THEREFORE, I, Cliff Lentz, Mayor of Brisbane, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Brisbane to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of North County Fire Authority and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2025.

DATED this 2nd Day of October 2025.



Cliff Lentz, Mayor

