

CITY OF COACHELLA  
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Coachella is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Coachella; and

**WHEREAS**, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires killed 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; 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. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, Coachella residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. 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**, Coachella residents will make sure their smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

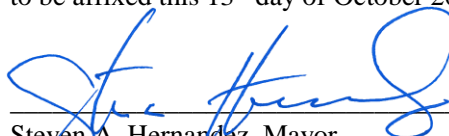
**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 3–9, 2021, as

*Fire Prevention Week*

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Coachella to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” for Fire Prevention Week 2021 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Coachella’s fire and emergency services.

**IN WITNESS HEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October 2021.

  
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Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

