

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 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®); and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017, and two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

**WHEREAS**, Coachella's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and


**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby proclaim October 4–10, 2020, as

*Fire Prevention Week*

throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Coachella by checking their kitchens for fire hazards and using safe cooking practices during.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor  
City of Coachella, California

