

PROCLAMATION

City of Hendersonville,

Fire Prevention Proclamation 2024

WHEREAS, the city of Hendersonville, North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Hendersonville; 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 caused 2,840 civilian deaths in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 353,500 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the city of Hendersonville residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, the city of Hendersonville 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, the city of Hendersonville 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 city of Hendersonville first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the city of Hendersonville residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work For You!™” effectively serves to remind the city of Hendersonville it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of Hendersonville, NC, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Hendersonville to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2024 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the city of Hendersonville’s fire and emergency services.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of October, 2024.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk