

# PROCLAMATION

## City of Hendersonville, Fire Prevention 2023

**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 2023 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention™" 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 8-14, 2023, 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 2023 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the city of Hendersonville's fire and emergency services.

**PROCLAIMED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Barbara G. Volk, Mayor  
City of Hendersonville

Attest:

Jill Murray, City Clerk