PROCLAMATION

City of Hendersonville
Fire Prevention 2026

WHEREAS, the city of Hendersonville, North Caroline 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, in 2024, local fire departments responded to an estimated 1.38 million fires in the United States. These fires caused an estimated 3,920 civilian fire deaths and 11,780 reported civilian fire injuries. The property damage caused by these fires was estimated at $19 billion according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®).

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 should 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 2026 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge Into Fire Safety™. Safe Charging Is a Superpower," focuses on the everyday charging habits that can help reduce the risk of lithium-ion battery fires and keep homes and communities safer.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Barbara G. Volk, Mayor of Hendersonville, NC, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2026, 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 2026 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the city of Hendersonville's fire and emergency services.

PROCLAIMED this 2nd day of October, 2025.

THE CITY OF HENDERSONVILLE N.C. 1847

Barbara G. Volk, Mayor
City of Hendersonville

Attest: Jill Murray
Jill Murray, City Clerk