

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Madeira Beach, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; 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 2,285 civilian deaths in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 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 two minutes to escape safely; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, City of Madeira Beach 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, “**Fire Won’t Wait. Plan Your Escape.™**,” effectively serves to remind City of Madeira Beach it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

THEREFORE, I, James “Jim” Rostek, Mayor of City of Madeira Beach do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK THROUGHOUT THIS COMMUNITY

and urge all the people of the City of Madeira Beach to plan and practice a home fire escape plan for Fire Prevention Week 2023 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of City of Madeira Beach fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Madeira Beach, County of Pinellas, and the State of Florida to be affixed this 11th day of October 2023.



James “Jim” Rostek, Mayor