

**City of Madison Heights**  
**2023 Fire Prevention Week Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madison Heights is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires killed more than 2,800 people in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association, and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires, and two of every five home fires start in the kitchen, with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

**WHEREAS**, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

**WHEREAS**, residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," effectively reminds us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City does hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City, and urge all residents to plan and practice a home fire escape.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all residents are encouraged to participate in the fire safety activities held during the Fire Department's Open House at Fire Station 2 on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 11 am to 2 pm.



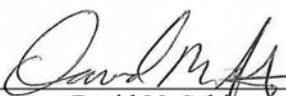
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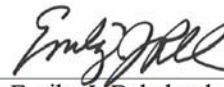
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