

## **FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

### **October 5 -11, 2025**

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pineville, NC, is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms, and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; 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**, Pineville, NC residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, Pineville, NC residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Pineville, NC residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month.

**WHEREAS**, residents and businesses who have planned and practiced a home or work fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Pineville's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, "**Charge into Fire Safety' Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home**" serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**THEREFORE** I, David Phillips, Mayor of Pineville, NC, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week, and I urge all the people of the Town of Pineville to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of North Carolina's fire and emergency services.

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Mayor David Phillips