



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 6 – 12, 2024

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 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you." 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 6–12, 2024, 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.

David Phillips, Mayor