Proclamation for
Fire Prevention Week 2026

WHEREAS, the Town of Pineville, North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all living in and visiting Pineville; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is observed nationwide October 4 – 10, 2026, with the theme "Charge Into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower" promoting safe lithium-ion battery charging practices;

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries power many everyday devices and can pose fire hazards if damaged or improperly charged; and

WHEREAS, most of the rechargeable electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, safe charging includes using the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer, charging on a hard, flat surface, watching for warning signs like devices that are very hot or start to swell, unplugging when fully charged, and charging larger devices like e-bikes outside and away from exits; and

WHEREAS, community education on safe charging, storage, and disposal can significantly reduce fire risks; and

WHEREAS, preventing fires protects lives, property, and the well-being of all residents;

WHEREAS, Pineville's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; our residents are responsive to public education measures and can take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Amelia Stinson-Wesley, Mayor of the Town of Pineville, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2026, as "**Fire Prevention Week**"

in the Town of Pineville, and I urge all citizens to plan and follow safe charging practices and support fire-prevention efforts.

PROCLAIMED this 13th day of October 2026.

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Amelia Stinson-Wesley, Mayor

Attest:

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Lisa Snyder, Town Clerk