



CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR **Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Rio Communities is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting City of Rio Communities; 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,** roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in which no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms were present; and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the chance of dying in a reported fire in half; 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,** the Rio Communities Fire Code requires at least one smoke alarm on every level of the home (including the basement) and outside all sleeping areas; and
- WHEREAS,** informing the public about the importance of smoke alarm installation and maintenance serves an essential step toward increasing the public's safety from home fires; and
- WHEREAS,** Rio Communities residents are dedicated to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS,** this year is the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week and the 2022 Fire Prevention theme for this period is "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape."
- NOW THEREFORE,** I Joshua Ramsell Mayor of The City of Rio Communities do hereby proclaim October 9th to 15th, 2022, as Fire Prevention Week, and
- FURTHER,** encourage all residents to protect their homes and families by heeding the potentially life-saving messages of Fire Prevention Week 2022 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Rio Communities Fire Department; and
- FURTHER,** challenge all residents to take responsibility for their fire safety and check their homes and ensure that they have a working smoke alarm on every floor of their house and outside their sleeping areas, as well as at least one working carbon monoxide alarm and have planned and practiced their home escape plan.

Duly proclaimed this 30th day of September 2022.

Joshua Ramsell, Mayor