



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Shallotte is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in Shallotte and visiting ; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the 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, the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: Buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Shallotte first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,” serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

THEREFORE, I, Walt Eccard, Mayor of the Town of Shallotte, North Carolina do hereby proclaim October 5–11, 2025, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the Town of Shallotte and encourages all residents to be aware of their devices, follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach, and support this year’s FPW theme, “Charge into Fire Safety™.”

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Shallotte to be affixed this the 30th day of September, 2025.

Walt Eccard, Mayor