

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Tumwater is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City. Fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally. Homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,800 people in the United States in 2021 , according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and fire departments responded to more than 166,400 annually between 2016 and 2020, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves, children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Cooking Safety Starts with YOU. Pay Attention to Fire Prevention,” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Debbie Sullivan, Mayor of the City of Tumwater, do hereby proclaim the week of

October 8, 2023 - October 14, 2023

Fire Prevention Week

and I urge all residents and businesses in the City of Tumwater to heed these messages and to support the efforts of the Tumwater Fire Department and other emergency services to keep us safe from fires and in times of medical emergencies.

Signed in the City of Tumwater, Washington, and recognized on this 3rd day of October in the year, two thousand twenty-three.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Debbie Sullivan".

Debbie Sullivan

Mayor