

**PROCLAMATION**  
**Recognizing October 6-12, 2024**  
**As Fire Prevention Week**  
**In the Town of Smithfield**

WHEREAS, the Town of Smithfield is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; 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, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has designated the week of October 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week with this year's theme being, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.™," which aims to educate everyone about the simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from fire; and

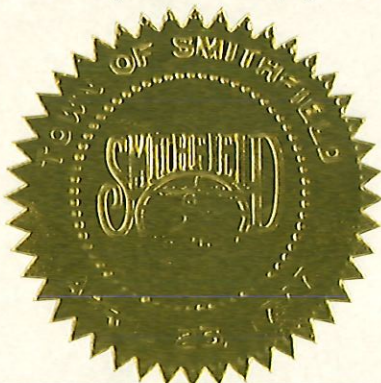
WHEREAS, a critical part of fire safety is ensuring that homes are equipped with working smoke alarms, practicing escape plans, and identifying potential fire hazards; and

WHEREAS, the dedicated members of the Smithfield Fire Department are committed to reducing the occurrence of home fires and related injuries through prevention and education efforts, and respond quickly and professionally to emergencies within our community; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to take proactive steps such as installing and maintaining smoke detectors, practicing fire drills, and understanding the dangers of fire to help reduce the risk of fires in their homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week provides an opportunity to recognize the importance of fire safety practices, and to honor the courageous work of our firefighters and first responders who protect our lives and property from fire and other hazards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, M. Andy Moore, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, do hereby proclaim the week of October 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as **Fire Prevention Week** in Smithfield, North Carolina. I urge all residents to actively participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to honor the dedicated service of the brave firefighters and public safety personnel who work tirelessly to keep our community safe.



M. Andy Moore, Mayor