

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6th – 12th, 2024  
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all residents and visitors in Seminole County; and

**WHEREAS**, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022 according to the National Fire Protection Association® and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have a little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS**, Seminole County residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS** residents should make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, residents should test their smoke alarms at least once a month; 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 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, “**Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you**” effectively serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners proclaims October 6th through October 12th, 2024, as:

**“Fire Prevention Week”**

**ADOPTED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024



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**Jay Zembower, Chairman  
Seminole County, Board of County Commissioners**