

**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE  
SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 5th – 11th, 2025  
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
IN SEMINOLE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, the Seminole County Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors in Seminole County; 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**, many common electronic devices – 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 practices, such as overcharging, using uncertified or off-brand chargers 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**, Seminole County 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.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners proclaims October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, as:

**“Fire Prevention Week”** in Seminole County

**ADOPTED** this 23<sup>th</sup> day of September 2025



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