



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, the critical importance of New York State's fire safety programs that serve to protect all those who live, work, and visit here can never be overstated and, as a priority of this state, these programs comprise a large portion of our overall public safety efforts; and

Whereas, an average of more than 63 residential fires occur somewhere in New York State every day; in 2013, approximately 23,041 residential fires claimed 121 lives and injured more than 2,661 State residents and firefighters, and these statistics prove time and time again that home is where people are at the greatest risk of death or injury from fire; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are encouraged to protect themselves from fire in their homes by installing one or more smoke alarms that are tested regularly to ensure they are working properly; and

Whereas, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, members of local fire departments, fire service organizations, school districts, civic groups, and the National Fire Protection Association give their time and energy year round to promote safety through education and by providing information, sponsoring community-based programs and classes, and conveying the message that fire prevention is a daily responsibility and the concern of every citizen, and their dedicated efforts are recognized and valued by our State; and

Whereas, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Keep your family safe with a working smoke alarm in every bedroom" serves to remind all of us to focus on the importance of installing, maintaining, and upgrading smoke detectors, and regularly checking their operability, in order to best protect our family and loved ones; and

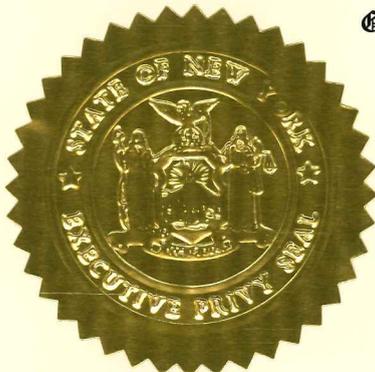
Whereas, all New Yorkers are encouraged to join in working toward the critical and worthy goals highlighted by this special observance, not only during this week, but throughout the year;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2015 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the Empire State.

G i v e n under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day of
October in the year two thousand fifteen.



Governor

Washam J. Mahon
Secretary to the Governor