



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, fire safety, education, and awareness are a priority in New York State and fire prevention is one of the most important things we can practice to keep ourselves and our loved ones safe; we appreciate and support public safety programs that serve to safeguard those who live in, work in, and visit our great state, and we recognize that fire safety programs are a critical component of these efforts; and

Whereas, last year, more than 42,400 residential fires occurred in communities across New York State, and approximately 86,450 fires of all types claimed 123 lives and injured more than 3,141 residents and firefighters; and

Whereas, it is important to have both smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in our homes and businesses, and to check them regularly to ensure that they are always in excellent condition and in full working order; 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 concern of every citizen, and their dedicated efforts are recognized and valued by our state; and

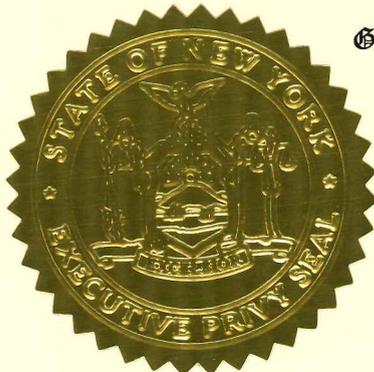
Whereas, the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of a three-year national and statewide effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are encouraged to join in working toward the 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 9–15, 2016 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the Empire State.



Given under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State at the Capitol in the City of Albany this seventh day of October in the year two thousand sixteen.

Governor

Walter J. Munkon
Secretary to the Governor