



State of New York

Executive Chamber

Proclamation

Whereas, protecting the lives, homes, businesses, public facilities, and all other properties in communities large and small is a top priority for New York State and, as part of that effort, State Fire Officials work each and every day to provide the public with educational resources detailing the dangers of fire, and coordinate with local partners in efforts to prevent structure damage, human injury and loss, and disastrous harm caused by fire; and

Whereas, one of the greatest, everyday dangers to New Yorkers comes from fire-related incidents and emergencies that can take place in the home, especially when engaging in activities involving high heat or flames – such as cooking; and

Whereas, it is important for all who use an ignitable heat source to cook are taught what to do in case of a fire emergency, including whether to attempt to extinguish or contain a fire, where to go for safety, and who to contact for assistance; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers should take extra time to ensure that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are installed in multiple locations throughout the home, especially near the kitchen, and are tested and working properly; and

Whereas, this year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen," a simple reminder to the public that cooking continues to be the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries in the United States; and

Whereas, as part of this effort, the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control, in partnership with local fire departments, fire service organizations, school districts, civic groups and the National Fire Protection Association, continues to provide information and programs that stress daily fire safety awareness, including how to avoid cooking hazards, the dangers of unattended cooking, and precautions citizens can take to prevent cooking-related fires; and

Whereas, all New Yorkers are encouraged to join in working toward implementing comprehensive fire safety measures and training in the home and kitchen throughout the year to ensure the health and safety of their families and loved ones;

Now, Therefore, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 4 - 10, 2020 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 twenty.

Governor

Secretary to the Governor
Melissa DeRosa