



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Seminole is committed to helping ensure the health and safety of all those living and visiting our community; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Prevention Association, more than 1.3 million fires were reported by Fire Departments in 2020, resulting in an estimated 3,700 civilian fire deaths and 16,600 reported civilian fire injuries; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the primary cause of home fires and associated injuries, and carelessness is the leading cause of fire related deaths; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms reduce the risk of dying in reported home fires by 50%; and

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinkler systems reduce the risk of dying in a home fire by 80%; and

WHEREAS, City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; 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 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme is, "**Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape**"; and

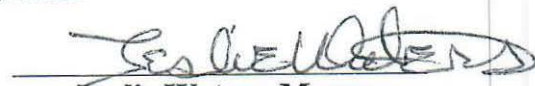
THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2022, as:

"Fire Prevention Month"

and urge all residents of the City of Seminole and the greater Seminole area to protect their families and homes by heeding the important safety messages of *Fire Prevention Month 2022*, and to support the public safety activities and efforts being held by the City of Seminole Fire Rescue Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 11th day of October, 2022.




Leslie Waters, Mayor