





## 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, nearly three out of five home fire deaths were caused by fires in properties with no smoke alarms or smoke alarms that failed to operate; and

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

WHEREAS, the key calls to action for smoke alarms is to install, test and replace; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area and on each level of the home; and

WHEREAS, residents who install and test their smoke alarms are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; 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, the 2024 Fire Prevention Month campaign is, "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!"; and

**THEREFORE**, I, Leslie Waters, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Seminole, Florida do hereby proclaim the month of October 2024, 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 2024*, 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

Leslie Waters, Mayor