

## ***FIRE PREVENTION MONTH***

***WHEREAS***, Glendale, Arizona recognizes the significant personal and economic toll fire takes on our citizens and is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

***WHEREAS***, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), residential fires killed more than 2,600 people in the United States in 2010, and fire departments in the United States responded to more than 380,000 residential fires; and

***WHEREAS***, cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires and associated injuries and the third leading cause of home fire deaths; and

***WHEREAS***, Glendale's Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and education and is committed to educating residents on the importance of having and practicing a home escape plan in order to increase their chances of survival in a fire; and

***WHEREAS***, residents are 50% more likely to survive a fire if they have a working smoke alarm and about 80% more likely to survive if they have installed an automatic fire sprinkler system in their home; and

***WHEREAS***, the Fire Prevention Week 2011 theme, "Protect Your Family from Fire!" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Elaine Scruggs, Mayor of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2011 as:

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*and urge all citizens to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from fire.*

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 11th day of October, 2011.*