

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, and more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the Glendale Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Glendale are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; 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 2009 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned," effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Month and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine Scruggs, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council do hereby proclaim the month of October, 2009 as

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and urge all citizens of Glendale to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Month 2009.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 22nd day of September, 2009.