



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Sparks is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; 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, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 between 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from cooking left unattended; and

WHEREAS, Sparks residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stovetops; and

WHEREAS, Sparks first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!™", effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ED LAWSON, Mayor of the City of Sparks, Nevada, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020 as:

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

Throughout this city, and I encourage our citizens to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices and support the many public safety activities and efforts of the City of Sparks fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Sparks, Nevada to be affixed this 28th day of September, 2020.

ED LAWSON, Mayor

ATTEST:

LISA HUNDERMAN, City Clerk