



Proclamation

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WHEREAS, in 1922, the National Fire Protection Association founded National Fire Prevention Week to take place the week of October 9th, commemorating the date of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County Government is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County Volunteer Fire Department first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and

WHEREAS, the Queen Anne's County Volunteer Fire Departments encourage all residents to embrace the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention"; and

WHEREAS, year after year, cooking remains the leading cause of fires and home fire injuries in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Queen Anne's County residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; 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

NOW THEREFORE, THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, hereby proclaim the week of October 8–14, 2023, Fire Prevention Week throughout Queen Anne's County, and we urge all the people of Queen Anne's County to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Queen Anne's County's volunteer fire and emergency services.

**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
