

City of Gainesville, Florida

Office of Mayor Craig Lowe PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Gainesville is committed to ensuring the safety of all those living in and visiting our community; and

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

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2009, according to the latest research from the National Fire Protection Association; and

WHEREAS, cooking equipment is the leading cause of home structure fires; and

WHEREAS, heating and electrical equipment and smoking materials are among the leading causes of all reported home fires; and

WHEREAS, candle fires are reported to a US fire department an average of every 30 minutes; and

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

WHEREAS, automatic fire sprinkler systems cut the risk of dying in a home fire by about 80%; and

WHEREAS, Gainesville's residents are responsive to public education 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 2011 Fire Prevention Week Theme, "It's Fire Prevention Week. Protect your Family from Fire!" effectively serves to remind us of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Craig Lowe, by the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Gainesville, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2011 as

Fire Prevention Week

in the City of Gainesville and invite all our citizens to join me in keeping our homes fire-safe by learning about the proper installation and use of smoke alarms.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official seal of the City of Gainesville, Florida, this 19th day of September, A.D., 2011.



Craig Lowe
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Mayor