



STATE OF NEW MEXICO EXECUTIVE OFFICE SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, the 2020 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" reminds us that fire prevention is a recurring practice to guard against loss of life and property; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States, and fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017; and

WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico residents should stay alert and remain in the kitchen when preparing food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot child-free zone around cooking areas, keep anything that can catch fire away from stovetops, have lids for pots and pans readily available, have a charged fire extinguisher readily available, and know what to do if you have a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, as working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported residential fires in half, it is strongly recommended that all New Mexico residences have working smoke alarms; and

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

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week is an opportunity for New Mexicans to educate themselves on the best practices necessary to prevent fires and to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their residences:

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, do hereby proclaim the week of October 4th through 10th, 2020, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

throughout the state of New Mexico.

Attest:

Done at the Executive Office this
23rd day of September 2020.

Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Maggie Toulouse Oliver
Secretary of State

Witness my hand and the Great Seal
of the State of New Mexico.

Michelle Lujan Grisham
Michelle Lujan Grisham
Governor

