



## CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PROCLAMATION

### **Declaring Fire Prevention Week, October 3 – 9, 2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol 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, home fires killed more than 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

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

WHEREAS, (STATE) residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, City 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, City residents should make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, City residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Mayor Una Glass, do hereby proclaim October 3–9, 2021, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of Sebastopol and urge all residents to “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety” for Fire Prevention Week 2021.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

Mayor Una Glass