



## CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### **Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Rio Communities, NM is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the City Rio Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home fires in 2014, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. home fires resulted in 2,745 civilian deaths in 2014, representing the majority (84 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths;
- WHEREAS,** in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and
- WHEREAS,** three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without smoke alarms (38 percent) or with no working smoke alarms (21 percent); and
- WHEREAS,** working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS,** many Americans don't know how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, or how often they need to be replaced; and
- WHEREAS,** all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and
- WHEREAS,** the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, which is marked on the back of the smoke alarm;
- WHEREAS,** the City of Rio Communities first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Rio Communities residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Don’t Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years” effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of replacing the smoke alarms in their homes at least every ten years, and to determine the age of their smoke alarms by checking the date of manufacture on the back of the alarms.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that as the Mayor and Councilors of the City of Rio Communities do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2016, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this city. We urge all the people of the City of Rio Communities to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they’re more than 10 years old, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Rio Grande Estates fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2016.

**City of Rio Communities Governing Body**

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