



CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Communities is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting City of Rio Communities; 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; residential fires killed 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 homes fires; the majority of U.S fire deaths (4 out of 5) occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Rio Communities residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and Rio Communities 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, Rio Communities residents should make a home escape plan, drawing a map of each level of the home, showing all doors and windows; and should practice the home escape plan with everyone in the household, including visitors at least twice a year; and Rio Communities residents should teach children to escape on their own in case adults cannot help them; and residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Rio Communities residents are responsive to public education measures and can take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire;

THEREFORE, I, Mark Gwinn Mayor of The City of Rio Communities, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2019, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of Rio Communities to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Rio Grande Estates Fire Department fire during Fire Prevention Week 2019.

Duly proclaimed this 8th day of October 2019.



Mark Gwinn
Mayor

