



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Delray Beach, Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Delray Beach; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 158,400 home cooking fires in 2023, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®); and

WHEREAS, U.S. home fires resulted in 470 civilian deaths and over 4,150 injuries in 2023, 44% of all home structure fires are a result of cooking; and

WHEREAS, the number one cause of all kitchen fire is leaving the stove unattended; and

WHEREAS, these conditions contribute to fast growing fires that leave smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and

WHEREAS, a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Delray Beach’s 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 2025 Fire Prevention Month theme is, “Cooking safety starts with you!”. This theme effectively serves to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Thomas F. Carney, Jr., Mayor of the City of Delray Beach, do hereby proclaim October 2025 as:

Fire Prevention Month

throughout this community and urge all of Delray Beach to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Delray Beach’s Fire Rescue Department during Fire Prevention Month 2025.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Delray Beach, Florida to be affixed this 14th day of October 2025.

THOMAS F. CARNEY, JR.
MAYOR