

The City of East Peoria



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of East Peoria is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting East Peoria; 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, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with many of these fires resulting from unattended cooking and more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, children under age 5 face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire and residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food, keep a 3-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

WHEREAS, East Peoria's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

THEREFORE, I, Mayor John P. Kahl do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as

Fire Prevention Week

and I urge all East Peoria residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices, and to support the efforts the East Peoria Fire Department.

John P. Kahl
MAYOR

ATTEST: Morgan R. Cadwalader
CITY CLERK