

Meeting Date
October 4, 2016



AGENDA	
Section	Resolution
Item No.	I.B

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Approval of Resolution: RE: Fire Prevention Week (Jim Barfield, Chairman, Commissioner District II)
DEPT/OFFICE:	Fire Rescue Department/District II

Requested Action:
 Staff requests that the Board support and adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of October 9th through the 15th as Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme for Fire Prevention Week is:
“Don't Wait - Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.”

Summary Explanation & Background:

The National Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871, which killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings.

First proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1920, succeeding Presidents have signed proclamations every year since 1925. According to the National Archives, Fire Prevention Week is the longest running public health and safety observance on record. This annual commemoration is not observed with festivities and fanfare, but with educational events to keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention.

Brevard County Fire Rescue and all Fire Departments within Brevard County are committed to the protection of life and property from the devastating effects of fire.

According to the National Fire Protection Association 20% of all homes with smoke alarms installed are not working properly; and that 60% of all home fire deaths occur in homes without any smoke alarms.

The 2016 Fire Prevention Week theme **“Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.”** represents the final multi-year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Contact Information:
 Fire Chief Mark Schollmeyer (321) 633-2056
 mark.schollmeyer@brevardfl.gov

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached: Resolution Proclaiming Fire Prevention Week

Contract /Agreement (If attached):		Reviewed by County Attorney	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	PR	<input type="checkbox"/>
County Manager		Frank Abbate, Assistant County Manager					Department Director / Extension	
Stockton Whitten		Assistant County Manager					Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Chief Brevard County Fire Rescue 56080	



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October 5, 2016

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Chief

RE: Item I.B., Resolution Proclaiming Fire Prevention Week

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 4, 2016, adopted Resolution No. 16-175, to proclaim October 9 – 15, 2016, as Fire Prevention Week. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, Brevard County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our communities; and 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 U.S. home fires resulted in 2,745 civilian deaths in 2014, representing the majority (84 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, the smoke alarms are not working; and 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 all smoke alarms should be replaced at least once every ten years; and the age of a smoke alarm can be determined by the date of its manufacture, marked on the back of the smoke alarm; and

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

WHEREAS, Brevard County 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 THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2016, as

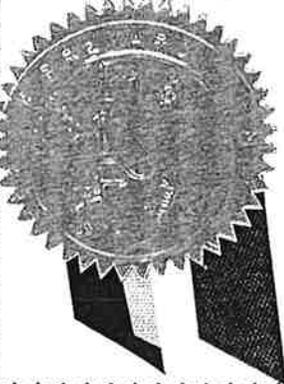
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the County, and urges all the people within Brevard County to find out how old the smoke alarms in their homes are, to replace them if they're more than ten years old, and to participate in the public safety activities and efforts of Brevard County's fire and emergency services providers during Fire Prevention Week 2016.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 4th day of October, 2016.

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

JIM BARFIELD, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

Resolution No. 16 - _____

WHEREAS, the Brevard County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our 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;

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WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; 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, marked on the back of the smoke alarm;

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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.

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Fire Prevention Week

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DONE, ORDERED and ADOPTED in regular session, this 4th day of October A.D. 2016

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

JIM BARFIELD, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA