

Meeting Date  
**October 10, 2017**



AGENDA	
Section	Resolution
Item No.	I.D.

**AGENDA REPORT**  
 BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Approval of Resolution: RE: Fire Prevention Week (Curt Smith, Chairman, Commissioner District IV)
DEPT/OFFICE:	Fire Rescue Department/District IV

Requested Action:

Staff requests that the Board support and adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of October 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> as Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme for Fire Prevention Week is:

**“EVERY SECOND COUNTS – PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!”**

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.

The 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme “EVERY SECOND COUNTS – PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!” represents an effort to educate the public about essential elements of developing a home fire escape plan.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

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Clerk to the Board Instructions:

Exhibits Attached:

Contract /Agreement (If attached): Reviewed by County Attorney Yes  No  PR

County Manager Frank Abbate	Assistant County Manager John Denninghoff	Department Director /Extension 
	Interim Assistant County Manager Jim Liesenfelt	Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Chief/Director 52555



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October 11, 2017

**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Chief Mark Schollmeyer, Fire Rescue Director

**RE:** Item I.D., Resolution Proclaiming October 8 – October 14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 10, 2017, adopted Resolution No. 17-195, proclaiming October 8 – October 14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme for Fire Prevention Week is "Every Second Counts – Plan 2 Ways Out!". Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is always appreciated.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

*Tammy Rowe*

Tammy Rowe, Deputy Clerk

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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 County; and

WHEREAS, U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and

WHEREAS, many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; these conditions contribute to a much 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 provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; 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, home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and 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, 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 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, do hereby proclaim the week of October 8 – 14, 2017, as

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

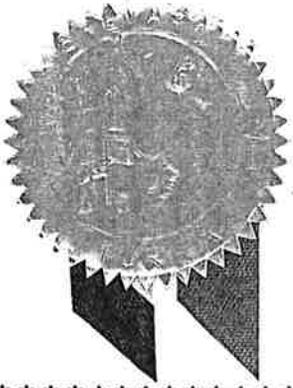
throughout the County, urges all the people of Brevard County to develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Brevard County's fire and emergency services providers during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 10th day of October, 2017.

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

CURT SMITH, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



Brevard County Resolution No. 17-

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**Fire Prevention Week**

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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CURT SMITH, CHAIRMAN  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA