

Meeting Date
October 7, 2014



AGENDA	
Section	Resolutions
Item No.	I.D.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Approval of Resolution: RE: Fire Prevention Week (Commissioner Mary Bolin Lewis, Chairman)
DEPT/OFFICE:	Fire Rescue Department

Requested Action:

Staff requests that the Board Support and adopt the Resolution proclaiming the week of October 5 through 11, 2014 as Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme for Fire Prevention Week is:
“Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives; Test Yours Every Month”

Summary Explanation & Background:

The National Fire Prevention Week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of October 8, 1871, which killed more that 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 2/3 of all home fire deaths occur in homes without any smoke alarms.

The 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme **“Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives; Test Yours Every Month”** emphasizes the importance of working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms provide families with early notification of fire in their home, thus cutting the risk of dying in a fire in half. To ensure they are working, smoke alarms should be tested monthly and that the batteries should be changed every six months. Even with working smoke alarms, it is important for the public to practice fire safe habits all year long.

Fiscal Impact: \$0.00

Contact Information:

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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"/>
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County Manager	Assistant County Manager, Mel Scott	Department Director / Extension
Stockton Whitten	Assistant County Manager, Venetta Valdengo	Mark Schollmeyer, Interim Fire Chief/Director Brevard County Fire Rescue



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October 8, 2014

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Commissioner Mary Bolin Lewis, District 4

RE: Item I.D., Resolution Proclaiming the Week of October 5 – 11, 2014, as Fire Prevention Week

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 7, 2014, adopted Resolution No. 14-184, proclaiming the week of October 5 – 11, 2014, as Fire Prevention Week; and urged all the people within the County to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Brevard County Fire Rescue and all of the other municipalities fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2014. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Tammy Etheridge

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

Encl. (1)

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Resolution

WHEREAS, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; and fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are the greatest risk from fire; and home fires killed more than 2,300 people in the United States in 2012, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires annually; and

WHEREAS, one half of all home fire deaths result from incidents reported between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM; and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, Brevard's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; Brevard's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; Brevard's 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, Brevard's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and Brevard'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 2014 FIRE PREVENTION WEEK THEME, "Working smoke alarms save lives: test yours every month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, does hereby proclaim the month of October 5 – 11, 2014, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

and urge all the people within our County to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Brevard County Fire Rescue and all of the other municipalities' fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session, this 7th day of October, A.D., 2014.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

Mary Bolin Lewis

MARY BOLIN LEWIS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



RESOLUTION 14- _____

WHEREAS, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; 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, home fires killed more than 2,300 people in the United States in 2012, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 365,000 home fires annually; and

WHEREAS, one half of all home fire deaths result from incidents reported between 11:00 PM and 7:00 AM

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, three out of five of home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and

WHEREAS, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and

WHEREAS, Brevard's residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, Brevard's residents should install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

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

WHEREAS, Brevard'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 2014 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Brevard Board of County Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 5 - 11, 2014 as:

Fire Prevention Week

and urge all the people within our County to test their smoke alarms at least every month by pushing the test button, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Brevard County Fire Rescue and all of the other municipalities' fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2014.

DONE, ORDERED, and ADOPTED in regular session, this 7th day of October A.D. 2014.

ATTEST:

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

MARY BOLIN LEWIS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

(Approved by the Board on October 7, 2014)