


Meeting Date
October 6, 2015



AGENDA	
Section	Resolution
Item No.	I.E.

AGENDA REPORT
BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT:	Approval of Resolution: RE: Fire Prevention Week (JIM BARFIELD, VICE-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 4 th through the 10 th as Fire Prevention Week. This year's national theme for Fire Prevention Week is: "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!"			
Summary Explanation & Background:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" 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 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.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: \$0.00</p> <p>Contact Information: Fire Chief Mark Schollmeyer (321) 633-2056 mark.schollmeyer@brevardcounty.us</p> <p>Clerk to the Board Instructions:</p> <p>Exhibits Attached: Resolution Proclaiming Fire Prevention Week</p>			
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/Director	



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October 7, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Jim Barfield, District 2 Attn: Bridget Minnick

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

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 6, 2015, adopted Resolution No. 15-190, to proclaim October 4 – 10, 2015, 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 Etheridge

Tammy Etheridge, Deputy Clerk

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cc: Fire Rescue Director

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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 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 2,755 people in the United States in 2013, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 369,500 homes fires; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms; and half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; 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 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, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" 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 October 4-10, 2015, as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the County, and urges all the people within Brevard County to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, 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 2015.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED, in regular session this 6th day of October, 2015.

ATTEST:

Scott Ellis

SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

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ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA



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DONE, ORDERED and ADOPTED in regular session, this 10th day of October A.D. 2015

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SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK

**ROBIN FISHER, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER
BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA**