



Proclamation

In Recognition of

Fire Prevention Week 2015

WHEREAS, the State Fire Council will join fire departments, fire fighters and first responders nationwide in recognizing October 4 – 10, 2015 as Fire Prevention Week with various activities centered around this year's theme, "Hear the Beep When You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm"; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at greatest risk from fire; having a working smoke alarm decreases the risk of home fire deaths in half; and

WHEREAS, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or nonfunctioning smoke alarms; half of home fire deaths occur in fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms sounded in half of the home fires reported to U.S. fire departments from 2007 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms will sound and give you time to evacuate, as smoke spreads fast in the home; and

WHEREAS, smoke alarms save lives and should be installed in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home, while also being tested once a month; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i fire fighters are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and injuries through prevention and proper education; and

WHEREAS, Hawai'i residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal responsibility to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a fire escape plan are better prepared and increase their chances of surviving a home fire; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep When You Sleep: Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm", serves as a reminder of the simple actions we can take to keep our homes and families safe from fire year-round;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 4 – 10, 2015 as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and encourage the citizens of the Aloha State to protect their homes and families by heeding the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Week 2015 and support the safety activities and efforts of Hawai'i's fire and emergency services.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, on this second day of October 2015.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i