



Proclamation

WHEREAS, most fires happen in a home, especially in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, it is important for families to take a good look around their home to identify and remove potential fire hazards, and have a fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be familiar with the sound of the smoke alarm, learn to escape safely in 1-2 minutes, and choose an outside meeting place to gather so that each person can be accounted for; and

WHEREAS, to account for every family member's safety, the outside meeting place should be a location that everyone can easily remember, such as a tree, light pole or mailbox at a safe distance away from the home; and

WHEREAS, everyone should identify and learn two ways out of every room, and check to ensure doors and windows leading outside the home can open easily and are free of clutter and obstruction; and

WHEREAS, practicing a home fire drill at night and during the day at least twice a year, including closing doors as you leave, will increase chance of survival in case of a fire; and

WHEREAS, the biggest mistake people make with escape planning is to assume that a fire won't happen to them and if it does, they will just go outside; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Fire Council joins fire departments, fire fighters and first responders nationwide in recognizing October 7-13, 2018 as Fire Prevention Week with various activities centered around this year's theme, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be Aware. Fire can happen anywhere.";

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, DOUGLAS S. CHIN, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2018 as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to protect their homes and families by taking simple actions that can keep our homes and families safe from fire year-round, and support the safety activities and lifesaving efforts of Hawai'i's fire and emergency services.

Done at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fourth day of September 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

DOUGLAS S. CHIN
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i