



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Hawai'i is committed to ensuring the safety of residents and visitors to our state; and

WHEREAS, on average, 36 people suffer injuries and seven die every day from home fires; and

WHEREAS, two out of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and

WHEREAS, more than one-half of reported nonfatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, kitchen fire safety includes removing flammable items away from stovetops, keeping a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas, and remaining in the kitchen while the stove is on; and

WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms decrease the risk of dying in home fires by 50 percent; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" reminds us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 4–10, 2020 as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

in Hawai'i and urge everyone to check their kitchens for fire hazards, use safe cooking practices, and support the many public 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, this twenty-fourth day of September 2020.



DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i