

FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association has been the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for 86 years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale recognizes the significant personal and economic toll fire takes on our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Glendale understands that safety and prevention measures can significantly reduce the risk of fire; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA,) home fires kill more than 2,500 people annually, and fire departments respond to nearly 400,000 home fires each year; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, Glendale's Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, residents are able to take personal steps to ensure their safety and are more likely to survive a fire if an escape plan is designed and practiced; and

WHEREAS, the theme of Fire Prevention Month 2008 is "It's Fire Prevention Month: Prevent Home Fires!"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Elaine Scruggs, Mayor of the city of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2008 as:

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and urge all citizens to take the steps needed to make their home and families safe from fire.

In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 23rd day of September, 2008.