

# Alachua County Florida

## A Proclamation

**Declaring October 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as  
“Fire Prevention Week”  
in Alachua County, Florida**

**Whereas,** 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 caused 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 home fires; and

**Whereas,** Alachua County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**Whereas,** Alachua County residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**Whereas,** the 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Fire won’t wait. Plan your Escape,” effectively serves to remind the citizens of Alachua County that it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

**Now, therefore,** through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of the Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 9<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as “Fire Prevention Week” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, A.D., 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marihelen Wheeler, Chair

ATTEST:

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J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.