

Alachua County Florida

A Proclamation

**Declaring October 4th through 10th, 2020 as
“Fire Prevention Week ”
in Alachua County, Florida**

- Whereas,** Alachua County is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Alachua County; and
- 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,** cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017; and
- Whereas,** two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and
- Whereas,** more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County’s residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and
- Whereas,** Alachua County’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- Whereas,** the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

Now, therefore, through the authority vested in me by the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County, Florida, I do hereby proclaim October 4th through 10th, 2020 as “Fire Prevention Week” in Alachua County, Florida.

Duly proclaimed this 22nd day of September, A.D., 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

ATTEST:

J.K. “Jess” Irby, Esq.