

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BARRIE Mayor's Office

PROCLAMATION

I, ALEX NUTTALL, Mayor of the City of BARRIE,

do hereby proclaim

October 8, 2023 – October 14, 2023

as

Fire Prevention Week

- **WHEREAS**; The City of Barrie is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; and
- **WHEREAS**; Fire is a serious public safety concern, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and
- **WHEREAS**; Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and two of every five home fires start in the kitchen; and
- **WHEREAS**; Barrie residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and
- WHEREAS; Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; and
- **WHEREAS**; The City's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and education; and
- **WHEREAS**; The 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU" reminds us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.
- **THEREFORE**, I, Alex Nuttall, Mayor of the City of Barrie, do hereby proclaim **October 8 to 14, 2023**, as "**Fire Prevention Week**", and I urge all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices, and to support the public safety activities and efforts of Barrie Fire and Emergency Service.

Alex Nuttall, Mayor