

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 24-16

COUNTY OF DORCHESTER

**PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 6 – 12, 2024, AS  
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK IN DORCHESTER COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County Fire Rescue is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; 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**, home fires killed more than 2,700 people and fire departments responded to 360,000 home fires in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and;

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half. Smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as two minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; and

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

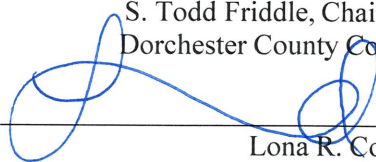
**WHEREAS**, Dorchester County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.TM,” serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that Dorchester County Council hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the County, and urge all its citizens to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Dorchester County Fire Rescue.

**ADOPTED THIS 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 2024.**

BY:   
S. Todd Friddle, Chairman  
Dorchester County Council

ATTEST:   
Lona R. Conrad  
Clerk to Council

