



County Commissioners of Charles County

PROCLAMATION 2025-68

Fire Prevention Week

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 have killed 1,458 people in the United States in 2025, according to the U.S. Fire Administration; and

WHEREAS, three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms reduce the risk of death by half in all reported home fires; and

WHEREAS, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home" focuses on educating the public on how to safely buy, charge, and dispose of lithium-ion batteries to prevent fires; and

WHEREAS, the Charles County Department of Emergency Services, fire and rescue volunteers, and safety officials work tirelessly to protect life and property and to educate residents about preventing fires and responding effectively when they occur. These professionals are committed to serving, protecting and educating the public on fire prevention and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025 as **Fire Prevention Week** in Charles County and encourage all residents to take personal steps to increase safety from fire, especially in homes, and to support public safety activities during Fire Prevention Week.

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