



## CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### **Proclamation of Fire Prevention Week**

- WHEREAS,** the City of Rio Communities is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the City of Rio Communities; and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. fire departments responded to 365,500 home fires in 2015, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); and
- WHEREAS,** U.S. home fires resulted in 2,560 civilian deaths in 2015, representing the majority (78 percent) of all U.S. fire deaths; and
- WHEREAS,** newer homes are built with lightweight materials that burn faster than older home constructions; and
- WHEREAS,** many of today's products and furnishings produce toxic gases and smoke when burned, making it impossible to see and breathe within moments; and
- WHEREAS,** these conditions contribute to a much smaller window of time for people to escape a home fire safely, with people having as little as one to two minutes to escape from the time the smoke alarm sounds; and
- WHEREAS,** a home fire escape plan provides the skill set and know-how to quickly and safely escape a home fire situation; and
- WHEREAS,** a home fire escape plan includes two exits from every room in the home; a path to the outside from each exit; smoke alarms in all required locations; and a meeting place outside where everyone in the home will meet upon exiting; and
- WHEREAS,** home fire escape plans should be developed by all members of the household; and
- WHEREAS,** practicing a home fire escape plan twice a year ensures that everyone in the household knows what to do in a real fire situation;
- WHEREAS,** The City of Rio Communities first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS,** The City of Rio Communities 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 2017 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” effectively serves to educate the public about the vital importance of developing a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it twice a year;

**THEREFORE,** I Mark Gwinn Mayor of The City of Rio Communities do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2017, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. I urge all the people of Rio Communities to find develop a home fire escape plan with all members of the household and practice it twice a year, and to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Rio Grande Estates Fire Department fire and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2017.

*Duly proclaimed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017.*

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Mark Gwinn  
Mayor