

# STATE OF ALASKA



## *Executive Proclamation by Governor Mike Dunleavy*

WHEREAS, fire safety and prevention are of utmost importance for every Alaskan. Each year, fires cause devastating personal injury and property loss across our state; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, there were 823 residential structures fires reported in Alaska, resulting in 20 civilian deaths, 52 civilian injuries, 18 firefighter injuries, and \$58,211,994 in property loss; and

WHEREAS, unsafe heating methods, unattended cooking, and other human-caused acts were the three most common causes of residential fires in Alaska, and notably, nearly half of all home fire deaths result from fires in properties with no smoke alarms installed; and

WHEREAS, fire and smoke alarm systems provide the necessary early warning to occupants, and the fire department. Every single Alaskan household should have properly functioning and consistently tested fire safety equipment such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers, as well as a clear and established fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, it is vital Alaskans remain vigilant in protecting their homes and families by practicing simple fire prevention measures each day, such as engaged cooking, careful use of home heating equipment, and proper placement of ignitable materials; and

WHEREAS, by adhering to and utilizing these important fire safety and prevention guidelines and methods, we can reduce fire-related injuries and prevent future loss of life in our communities. We encourage all Alaskans to practice this year's fire safety theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention".

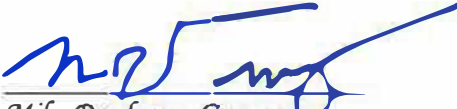
NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 2023 as:

### *Fire Prevention Month*

in Alaska, and urge all Alaskans to be proactive and take precautionary measures to avoid fires, and participate in public safety activities offered this month by the Alaska Department of Public Safety's Division of Fire and Life Safety and emergency services across our great state.

Dated: October 1, 2023



  
*Mike Dunleavy, Governor*  
who has also authorized the  
seal of the State of Alaska to  
be affixed to this proclamation.