

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 throughout our State; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, there were 829 residential structures fires reported in Alaska, resulting in 19 civilian deaths, 53 civilian injuries, 24 firefighter injuries, and \$47,070,128 in property loss, and there have been at least 10 deaths in the first half of 2022 due to fires; and

WHEREAS, unsafe heating methods, unattended cooking, careless smoking, 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 Alaskan household should have properly functioning and regularly tested fire safety equipment such as smoke alarms, carbon monoxide alarms and fire extinguishers, as well as an established fire escape plan; and

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

WHEREAS, by following 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, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!"

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mike Dunleavy, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF ALASKA, do hereby proclaim October 2022 as:

Fire Prevention Month

in Alaska, and encourage 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, 2022



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Dunleavy".

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