

Proclamation

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DESIGNATING

OCTOBER 7 - 13, 2001

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that cooking, heating and electrical fires represent three of the nation's leading causes of home fires, and are collectively responsible for nearly half of all home fires and almost one-third of the associated fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of home cooking, heating and electrical fires can be prevented by taking simple safety precautions; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely. Proper installation, testing, and maintenance of smoke alarms are part of a thorough home fire escape plan. By preventing the leading causes of home fires, and by developing and practicing a thorough home fire escape plan, people can greatly reduce their risk to fire; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Prevention Week 2001 theme, "Cover Your Bases & Strike Out Fire," teaches the public how to prevent cooking, heating, and electrical fires, and encourages people to develop a home fire escape plan that includes working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, the fire service of San Mateo County is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire. The members of the fire service are joined by other concerned people in San Mateo County, as well as other emergency service providers and safety advocates, businesses, schools, service clubs, and organizations in their fire safety efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California hereby designates October 7 - 13, 2001 as "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK" in San Mateo County. This week commemorates the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which left 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,000 buildings.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors call upon the people of San Mateo County to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

DATED: October 2, 2001