

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Proclaiming the Week of October 3rd - 9th, 2004 as "National Fire Prevention Week"

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors:
Adopt a resolution proclaiming the week of October 3-9, 2004, as "National Fire Prevention Week."

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2: A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit and Goal No. 5: A High Quality of Life for All Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

National Fire Prevention week provides an opportunity to recognize the fire prevention and public education efforts of our fire protection agencies, and to encourage all citizens to learn about fire prevention and how they can take a proactive part in fire prevention efforts in their homes, workplaces and schools.

Mandates and Service Levels:

No change in programs or service levels.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

No fiscal or facilities impacts related to this matter.

Special Instructions:

None.

Concurrence:

County Counsel, County Administrator

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 3rd – 9th, 2004
“NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”**

WHEREAS, OCTOBER 3 – 9th HAS BEEN DECLARED “NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”, a time to reflect on our nation’s past fire history, remembering the Great Chicago Fire of 1871” and how out of that tragedy, national interests in fire prevention and safety emerged; and

WHEREAS, smoke and poisonous gases are the leading causes of death in fires, and can kill a person long before the flames will; and

WHEREAS, underestimating the power of fire and the time it takes to escape a home fire put people at severe risk to fire death and injury; and

WHEREAS, developing a home fire escape plan and practicing it at least twice a year are critical to escaping a fire safely; and

WHEREAS, a complete home escape plan includes everyone in the household knowing two ways out of each room, having an outdoor location where everyone will meet upon exiting the home, remembering to call 911 from a neighbor’s **home phone**; and

WHEREAS, fire prevention and safety is everyone’s responsibility; and

WHEREAS, the 2004 Fire Prevention Week theme, “**Test Your Smoke Alarms**”, emphasizes the importance of not only having a smoke alarm, but testing it regularly; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Fire Department is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE AND IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The week of October 3-9th is proclaimed “ National Fire Prevention Week” throughout Santa Barbara County.
2. In support of our fire service agencies, we encourage everyone to participate in fire prevention activities in the community, at home, at work and at school.
3. We encourage parents to test smoke alarms once a month – be sure they’re working.
4. Make this Fire Prevention Week the beginning to a yearlong effort to improve fire safety wherever you are.

PASSED AND ADOPTED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 5^h day of October, 2004, by a unanimous vote of all the members.