

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 9th – 15th, 2005
“NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”**

WHEREAS, October 9-15 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, a national interest 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the simple flame from the beauty or utility of a single candle can result in the loss of one’s life and property; and

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

WHEREAS, the 2005 National Fire Prevention Week theme, “USE CANDLES WITH CARE, when you go out, blow out!” is based on everyday reality in each and every community, and

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

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

1. The week of October 9-15 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 at home, work, school and every other place to take time to practice safety with fire and on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 to re-dedicate themselves to this commitment.
3. Make this Fire Prevention Week the beginning of a yearlong effort to improve fire safety wherever you are and with whomever you are with.

PASSED AND ADOPTED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 27th day of September, 2005, by a unanimous vote of all the members.