

**IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING
THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-11, 2003
“NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”**

WHEREAS, October 5-11 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 interests in fire prevention and fire safety emerged. Today Fire Prevention Week is the oldest safety commemoration proclaimed annually by the president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is proper to set aside a week to focus our attention on the fire prevention and public education efforts of our local fire protection agencies; and

WHEREAS, in any fire, a quick decisive response is essential; and

WHEREAS, fire prevention and fire safety is a shared responsibility, with everyone playing a key role: and

WHEREAS, to reduce the incidence of fire, property damage and injuries caused by fire, we all must do our part to be fire safe at home, work, school and play; and

WHEREAS, this year’s theme says, **“When Fire Strikes: Get Out! and Stay Out!”** these are life safety words for us to remember and to teach our children and others.

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

1. The week of October 5-11 is proclaimed “ Fire Prevention Week” Throughout Santa Barbara County; and
2. In support of our fire service agencies, we encourage everyone to participate in one of the many planned community fire safety and disaster preparedness activities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED By the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara, State of California, this 7th day of October 2003, by a unanimous vote of all the members.