City of Petaluma

Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 6-12, 2013

WHEREAS, the City of Petaluma is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all its residents and visitors, and by providing fire safety information, the Petaluma Fire Department empowers its residents with the information and skills needed to improve the safety of their home environments and the community at large; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are where people are at the greatest risk of experiencing a fire, with cooking being the leading cause of home fires in the United States; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen where unattended cooking equipment is a factor in one-third of the reported cooking fires; and

WHEREAS, residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas, and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

WHEREAS, the best way to protect homes from the effects of a residential fire is to have working smoke alarms and a fire sprinkler system installed; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Prevent Kitchen Fires!” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, David Glass, Mayor of Petaluma, along with the members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2013 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Petaluma, and urge everyone to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week, as well as all year long, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Petaluma’s Fire Department.

David Glass, Mayor

Claire Cooper, City Clerk