

PROCLAMATION NO 2014-14

CITY OF DINUBA

"Together, A Better Community"

National Fire Prevention Week!

October 5-11, 2014

WHEREAS, Fire Prevention Week was established to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire, the tragic 1871 conflagration that killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, While the Great Chicago Fire is familiar to many it occurred on the same day that the great Peshtigo Fire occurred, the most devastating forest fire in American history and roared through Northeast Wisconsin, burning down 16 towns, killing 1,152 people, and scorching 1.2 million acres; and

WHEREAS, The tragic fires changed the way firefighters and public officials thought about fire safety; and

WHEREAS, On the 40th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire, the Fire Marshals Association of North America decided that the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire should henceforth be observed in a way that would keep the public informed about the importance of fire prevention; and

WHEREAS, President Woodrow Wilson issued the first National Fire Prevention Day proclamation in 1920 and it has become the longest running public health and safety observance on record; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme is "Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month"; and

WHEREAS, Smoke alarms should be placed in every bedroom and on every floor of homes and tested monthly to ensure they are in good working order at all times; and

WHEREAS, Smoke alarms with a practiced home fire escape plan do save lives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, I Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor of Dinuba hereby proclaim, October 5-11, 2014 as Fire Prevention Week and hereby urge all citizens to utilize smoke alarms and make and practice a home fire escape plan.

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Dinuba to be affixed, on this 23rd day of September two-thousand-fourteen.

Janet C. Hinesly, Mayor

Attest:

Linda Barkley, Deputy City Clerk

