

TOWN OF BUTNER, NC

In Recognition of Fire Prevention Week - October 8-14, 2023

"Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention,"

WHEREAS, the Town of Butner is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Town; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires killed more than 2,800 in the United States in 2021, according to the National Fire Protection Association and fire departments in the United States responded to 338,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States and two of every five home fires start in the kitchen, with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and,

WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves, and children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Butner residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; and

WHEREAS, Butner residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

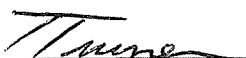
WHEREAS, Butner Public Safety Officers are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Butner residents that are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking.

THEREFORE, I Terry Turner, along with the Butner Town Council do hereby proclaim October 8-14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week in Butner, and I urge all Butner residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards during Fire Prevention Week 2023 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of our fire and emergency services.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Butner NC, to be affixed this the 5th day of October 2023



Terry Turner
Mayor

