

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the City of Margate is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our City and 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 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, smoke alarms sense smoke well before you can, alerting you to danger in the event of fire in which you may have as little as 2 minutes to escape safely; and

**WHEREAS**, residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

**WHEREAS**, residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS**, residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month; and

**WHEREAS**, 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

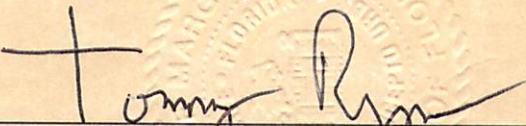
**WHEREAS**, Margate first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you," serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Tommy Ruzzano, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand  
and caused the official seal of the City of Margate to be  
affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024.

  
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TOMMY RUZZANO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Joanne Simone