

# *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 2,770 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; 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. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

**WHEREAS**, Margate residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond. Residents should have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**WHEREAS**, residents will make sure their smoke and CO alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; residents who 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**, Margate first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety," effectively serves to remind us it is important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Arlene R. Schwartz, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim October 3-9, 2021, 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 2021.

*Arlene R. Schwartz*  
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**ARLENE R. SCHWARTZ, MAYOR**

Vice Mayor Antonio V. Arserio, Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Joanne Simone