

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 caused more than 2,580 civilian deaths in the United States in 2020, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 356,500 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 Carbon Monoxide (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 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape" effectively serves to remind us it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Antonio V. Arserio, Mayor of the City of Margate, do hereby proclaim October 9-15, 2022, 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 21st day of September 2022.


ANTONIO V. ARSERIO, MAYOR

Vice Mayor Anthony N. Caggiano, Commissioner Tommy Ruzzano, Commissioner Arlene R. Schwartz, Commissioner Joanne Simone