

PROCLAMATION

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, in Marion County Florida is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; and

WHEREAS, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), in 2024, fire departments in the United States responded to over 350,000 home fires, resulting in more than 2,090 fatalities; 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, Marion County Fire Rescue is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires, injuries, and fire fatalities through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, **“Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home™”**, effectively serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms at home;

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Marion County, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in us do hereby proclaim **October 5th – 11th, 2025** as

“NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK”

in Marion County and urge all the people of Marion County to ensure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the public safety efforts of Marion County Fire Rescue and emergency services.

DULY PROCLAIMED this 7th day of **October 2025**.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MARION COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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