

**TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District Board of Fire Commissioners are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our county; 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, Working smoke alarms save lives, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, More than one-third of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present; and

WHEREAS, The risk of dying in a home fire is cut in half with working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, The Red Cross offers free smoke alarms to help families survive home fires; and

WHEREAS, The 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, *“Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!”* reminds us that we all need to take steps to **INSTALL**, **TEST** and **REPLACE** smoke alarms to increase our safety from fire not only in our homes, but in our communities.

THEREFORE, The Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2024 as

~Fire Prevention Month~

and urges all the people of Washoe County to **INSTALL** smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside of separate sleeping areas and one on each level of your home (to include basements), **TEST** your smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button and to **REPLACE** all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

Dated this 1st Day of October 2024

Alexis Hill, Chair
Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District
Board of Fire Commissioners