

TRUCKEE MEADOWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, the 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 the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily – including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys – are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which, if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association® reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents should follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without proper safety certifications, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help to prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

THEREFORE, The Board of Fire Commissioners does hereby proclaim October 2025 as

~Fire Prevention Month~

The 2025 Fire Prevention month theme, “*Charge into Fire Safety*” reminds us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

Dated this 7th Day of October 2025

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