



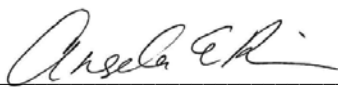
## PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is committed to ensuring the safety of all those living in and visiting Redmond; 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, home fires killed more than 2,630 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 357,000 home fires; and
- WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States, with fire departments responding to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017; and
- WHEREAS, two out of every five home fires start in the kitchen, with 31 percent of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and
- WHEREAS, more than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas, and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and
- WHEREAS, residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will be more likely to survive a fire, and working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS, Redmond residents can take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and
- WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme "Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

throughout the City, and I urge all the people of Redmond to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2020, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Redmond fire and emergency services.

  
Angela Birney, Mayor

October 6, 2020  
Date