



**ST LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 731-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ST. LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT, SPECIFICALLY PROCLAIMING
OCTOBER AS "FIRE PREVENTION MONTH"**

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Fire District is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our area; 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 caused 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; and

WHEREAS, Saint Lucie County residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

WHEREAS, Saint Lucie County residents who have planned and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

WHEREAS, Saint Lucie County 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; and

WHEREAS, Saint Lucie County Fire District is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Saint Lucie County residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape." effectively serves to remind Saint Lucie County residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan; and

WHEREAS, Saint Lucie County Fire District observed "Fire Prevention Week" October 9, 2022 – October 15, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Lucie County Fire District, as follows:

The Fire Board does hereby proclaim October 1, 2022, through October 31, 2022, as "**FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**" in St. Lucie County, Florida, and urges all citizens and residents of St. Lucie County to plan and practice a home fire escape plan; to participate in the many public safety and fire prevention activities and efforts throughout Saint Lucie County seeking to reduce the great loss of life and property caused by fires offered during Fire Prevention Month 2022; and hereby requests the cooperation of the news media – radio, television and newspapers – to publicize this Resolution and give full publicity thereof.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Lucie County Fire District, in Regular Session, on this 21st day of September, 2022.

ATTEST:

Patricia Marston-Duva, Clerk/Treasurer

ST LUCIE COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT:

Linda Hudson, Chair