

RESOLUTION NO. 92-153

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY,
FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING OCTOBER 4-10, 1992 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, some 4,000 people in the United States die in home fires every year; and

WHEREAS, homes with smoke detectors have a death rate 40% lower than the rate for homes without; and

WHEREAS, about 1/3 of the homes equipped with smoke detectors in the U.S. have detectors that are non-operational, most often due to dead or missing batteries; and

WHEREAS, testing smoke detectors is easy and should be done regularly to ensure effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, every home should have a smoke detector on each level, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area; and

WHEREAS, smoke detectors are not interchangeable with heat detectors, which can be used in kitchens, bathrooms, and other locations where smoke detectors are not recommended; and

WHEREAS, all members of the household should be able to recognize the sound of the smoke detector alarm and know how to respond; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Fire Service is dedicated to the safety of life and property from the devastating effects of fire; and

WHEREAS, those members of the fire service are joined by other concerned citizens of this county, as well as businesses, schools, service clubs and organizations in their fire safety efforts; and

WHEREAS, the local efforts of the fire service are supported by the activities of organizations such as the National Fire Protection Association, the United States Fire Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and the Fire Marshal's Association of North America;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that the week of October 4-10, 1992 be proclaimed as Fire Prevention Week. This week commemorates the great Chicago Fire of 1871, which killed 250 persons, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,400 buildings.

This Board calls upon the people of St. Johns County to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work, and school, and to heed the message: "Test Your Detector-It's Sound Advice!" as the 1992 Fire Prevention Week theme suggests.

Unanimously adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 22th day of September, 1992.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By J. D. B. [Signature]
Its Chairman

ATTEST: CARL "BUD" MARKEL, CLERK

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