

CLALLAM 2 FIRE-RESCUE

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## **PROCLAMATION 2024-02**

## A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 TO RECOGNISE OCTOBER 6-12, 2024, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

## BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF CLALLAM FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, Clallam Fire 2 is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Clallam 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, home fires killed more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; 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 two minutes to escape safely; and

WHEREAS, all residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and

WHEREAS, all residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

WHEREAS, all residents should test smoke alarms at least once a month, and

WHEREAS, 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, Clallam Fire 2 first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, our 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 2024 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you" serves to remind us of the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home,

## NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Clallam County Fire Protection District No. 2, Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 6–12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the district, and urges all the people of Clallam County to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Washington State's fire and emergency services.

ADOPTED this 17th day of September, 2024.

Attest:

Heather Catuzo, Board Secretary

Keith G. Cortner, Chairperson

Dan A Huff, Commissioner

Steven G. Hopf, Commissioner