

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our parish; 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, the majority of U.S. fire deaths occur at home each year. Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and,

WHEREAS, 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 therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and,

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and,

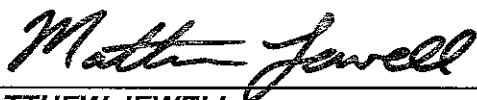
WHEREAS, St. Charles Parish first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and,

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, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ST. CHARLES PARISH COUNCIL AND THE PARISH PRESIDENT, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM **OCTOBER 4-10, 2020, AS**

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

IN ST. CHARLES PARISH AND URGE ALL CITIZENS TO CHECK THEIR KITCHENS FOR FIRE HAZARDS, USE SAFE COOKING PRACTICES, AND SUPPORT THE MANY PUBLIC SAFETY ACTIVITIES AND EFFORTS OF ALL ST. CHARLES PARISH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES.




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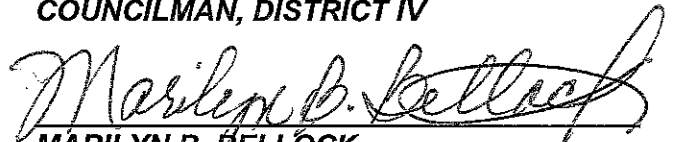
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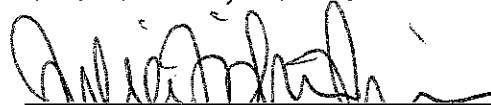
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