



# PROCLAMATION

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**October 8 - 14, 2023**

- WHEREAS: Smoky Lake County, Alberta is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our 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: two of every five home fires start in the kitchen with 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking; and
- WHEREAS: children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; 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: Smoky Lake County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS: the 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.
- NOW THEREFORE: I Lorne Halisky, Reeve, of Smoky Lake County do hereby proclaim October 8–14, 2023, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the County, and I urge all residents to check their kitchens for fire hazards and use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2023.

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Smoky Lake County Reeve