

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-12

**RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PARTICIPATION IN FIRE PREVENTION WEEK,
OCTOBER 6-12, 2024**

WHEREAS, the Novato Fire Protection District is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the City of Novato and all its unincorporated areas; 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 two minutes to escape safely; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Novato residents that are responsive to public education measures are better 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!", effectively serves to remind Novato residents it is important to think about the simple, but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safer when they install, test and replace smoke alarms in their homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. The Board of Directors urges all of Novato to follow simple steps they can take to help safeguard their homes for Fire Prevention Week 2024 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of California's fire and emergency services.

This resolution was PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, Novato Fire Protection District, on the 2nd day of October 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Goines, Hadfield, Silverman

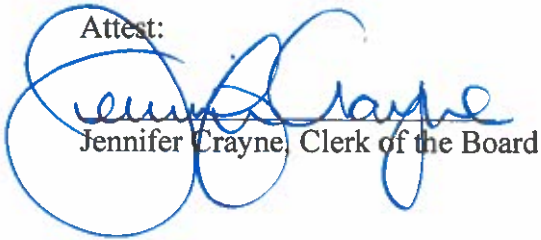
NAYS: NA

ABSENT: Francisco



Lj Silverman, President, Board of Directors

Attest:



Jennifer Crayne, Clerk of the Board