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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Proclaiming Fire Prevention Month

During the month of October, public service departments across the County of Los Angeles (County) come together to spread awareness about fire safety and prevention. These first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and education. They suggest practicing home escape plans, installing, and testing smoke alarms, and searching for home hazards.

Each year, the campaign focuses on a different aspect of safety. The theme for Fire Prevention Month 2024 is “*Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!*”, which strives to educate everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

Recognizing Fire Prevention Month is especially important this year as Los Angeles County is currently fighting a rapidly spreading fire in Angeles National Forest. The Bridge Fire ignited in the Angeles National Forest on September 8, 2024, and rapidly spread to surrounding areas in the County. The Bridge Fire has burned over 47,000 acres so far and has necessitated evacuations of County residents, led to major road closures and power disruption, and required multiple human and pet sheltering operations. On September 17, 2024, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency for the Bridge Fire.

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors Proclaim October 2024 as Fire Prevention Month throughout Los Angeles County and encourage all County residents to learn the essential steps to reduce the likelihood of having a fire and how to escape safely in the event of a fire.

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