



# City of Woodland

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: October 2, 2007

SUBJECT: Proclaim Fire Prevention Week

### **Report in Brief**

The City Council has been requested to proclaim their support for Fire Prevention Week. This action will generate awareness of fire prevention programs offered by the Woodland Fire Department and promote the involvement of individuals and organizations in training, education and other programs that support fire safety.

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim October 8-14, 2007 as Fire Prevention Week.

### **Background**

The origin of Fire Prevention Week is associated with the Great Chicago Fire which began on October 8, 1871 and lasted 27 hours. This historic fire killed more than 250 people, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2000 acres. Today, Fire Prevention week focuses on raising public awareness about the dangers of fire and how to prevent it. Themes such as the use of smoke alarms, home escape plans and other safety tips are presented during the week. The Woodland Fire Department also promotes various safety and education programs available to Woodland residents and businesses. Other programs are presented at community schools, including the "Stop, Drop and Roll" program that is provided for first grade students. Staff has prepared the attached proclamation for the City Council's consideration.

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**ITEM:**

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the City Council proclaim October 8-14, 2007 as Fire Prevention Week.

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Attachment: Proclamation

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## Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week - October 8-14, 2007

WHEREAS, the Fire Department will hold the annual Fire Prevention Week activities in Woodland during October 2007 to raise awareness of the dangers of fire; and,

WHEREAS, every 20 seconds, a Fire Department responds to a fire somewhere in the United States; and,

WHEREAS, 82% of all fire deaths occurred in home fires; and,

WHEREAS, the Mission of the Woodland Fire Department is to preserve and improve the safety and welfare for all by providing quality fire prevention and emergency services at a level defined by and supported by the community, promoting community involvement on an individual and organizational level, providing an emphasis on partnerships for training, education and service delivery, and planning for the City's future emergency service needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland does hereby proclaim the week of October 8 through 14, 2007 as Fire Prevention Week in Woodland, and calls upon all citizens and civic organizations in Woodland to participate in fire prevention activities at home, work and school, and to take the steps needed to make their homes and families safe from the leading causes of home fires, which include cooking, heating and electrical.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2007

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David M. Flory, Mayor

Marlin H. Davies, Vice-Mayor

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member

Artemio Pimentel, Council Member