

City of Palm Coast, Florida Agenda Item

Agenda Date: October 6, 2026

Agenda Item: A.2

Department	FIRE	Amount
Division	FIRE	Org/Account #
Subject:	PROCLAMATION - OCTOBER 4-10, 2026, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	
Presenter:	Kyle Berryhill, Fire Chief	
Attachments:	1. Proclamation	
Background:	The City of Palm Coast would like to proclaim October 4-10, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week. During Fire Prevention Week, the department educates children, adults, and teachers how to stay safe in case of a fire. This year we focus on reducing the risk of lithium-ion battery fires to keep homes and communities safer.	
Recommended Action:	PROCLAIM OCTOBER 4-10, 2026, AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK	



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Palm Coast Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in the City of Palm Coast and visiting; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the rechargeable electronics used in homes daily - including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys - are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of lithium-ion batteries and devices; and

WHEREAS, the way lithium-ion battery devices are charged can make a difference in helping preventing home fires; and

WHEREAS, safe charging includes using the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer, charging on a hard, flat surface, watching for warning signs like devices that are very hot or start to swell, unplugging when fully charged, and charging larger devices like e-bikes outside and away from exits; and

WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to understand that safe charging means making smart choices every time they plug in; and

WHEREAS, The Palm Coast Fire Department's firefighters remain dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," serves to remind all residents that safe charging can help reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Palm Coast, Florida, that the week of October 4-10, 2026, be officially designated as:

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

SIGNED this 6th day of October 2026.

ATTEST:

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA

Kaley Cook, City Clerk

Michael Norris, Mayor