

RESOLUTION NO. 815

**BOROUGH OF MALVERN
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL, OF THE BOROUGH OF MALVERN, CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4, 2020 TO OCTOBER 10, 2020 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK.

WHEREAS, Malvern Borough is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in the Borough; 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 killed 3,700 people in the United States in 2019, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 481,500 home fires; and

WHEREAS, the majority of US fire deaths, 80%, occur at home each year; and

WHEREAS, the fire death rate per 1000 home fires reported to US fire departments was 3.9 percent lower in 2019 than in 1980; and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Malvern Borough's residents may have less than two (2) minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Malvern Borough's residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of reported home structure fires and cooking activities cause an average of 173,200 home fires per year; and

WHEREAS, cooking fires is the second leading cause of fire deaths, 550 civilians annually and the leading cause of fire injuries, 5020 civilians annually; and

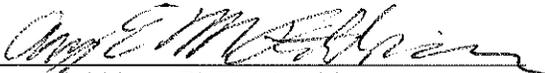
WHEREAS, Malvern Borough's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!™" effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire while cooking.

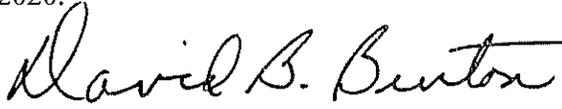
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Malvern Borough Council does hereby proclaim October 4–10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this municipality, and

encourages all the people of Malvern Borough to be aware of their surroundings, look for available ways out in the event of a fire or other emergency, respond when the smoke alarm sounds by exiting the building immediately, pay close attention while cooking and never leave anything cooking unattended and support the many public safety activities and efforts of Malvern Borough's Fire and Emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

Resolved by Borough Council this 6 day of October, 2020.


Amy Finkbiner, Ph.D., President

Approved by the Mayor this 6 day of October, 2020.


David B. Burton, Mayor

Enacted this 6 day of October, 2020.


Christopher C. Bashore, Borough Manager