

## Band Council

### Fire Prevention Week - 2022 Proclamation

**WHEREAS** the \_\_\_\_\_ band council is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our community; and

**WHEREAS** fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and home are the locations where people are at greatest risk from fire; and

**WHEREAS** fire losses (deaths, injuries, and destruction of property) in First Nations communities, particularly those on remote First Nations lands, far exceed those in comparable off-reserve communities; and

**WHEREAS** the First Nations per capita fire incidence rate is 2.4 times the per-capita rate for the rest of Canada, and the death rate is 10.4 times greater; the fire injury rate is 2.5 times greater; and the fire damage per unit is 2.1 times greater; 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 2 minutes to escape safely; and

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

**WHEREAS** \_\_\_\_\_ residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarms and knows how to respond; and

**WHEREAS** \_\_\_\_\_ 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** \_\_\_\_\_ residents will make sure their smoke alarms meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**WHEREAS** \_\_\_\_\_ 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 2022 Fire Prevention Week theme, 'Fire won't wait. Plan your escape'.™, effectively serves to remind \_\_\_\_\_ residents it is important to have a home fire escape plan.

**THEREFORE**, I \_\_\_\_\_ Chief of \_\_\_\_\_ do hereby proclaim October 9 – 15, 2022 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community, and I urge all the people of \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure that their home has working smoke alarms and all members of the family plan and practise a home fire escape plan.