

# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

### Proclamation

**Whereas**, the State of New York is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all people living in and visiting our state, and the hazards and potentials of fire are a continuous public safety concern both locally and nationally, whereby homes are the locations where people are at greatest risk of fire; and

**Whereas**, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), more than 2,300 people died in home fires in the United States in 2020, and fire departments in the United States responded to 339,500 home fires; and

**Whereas**, working smoke alarms sense smoke well before people can or while they are sleeping, and can cut the risk of perishing in reported home fires in half; and

**Whereas**, working smoke alarms emit a distinctively loud sound to alert people of the possible outbreak of a fire in which there may be as little as two minutes to escape safely, and

**Whereas**, New York State residents should be sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond, and what the safest and fastest escape routes are; and

**Whereas**, New York State residents who have developed and practiced a home fire escape plan are more prepared and will therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and

**Whereas**, New York State residents should regularly check smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms to make sure they are operative and meet the needs of all their family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities; and

**Whereas**, New York State first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

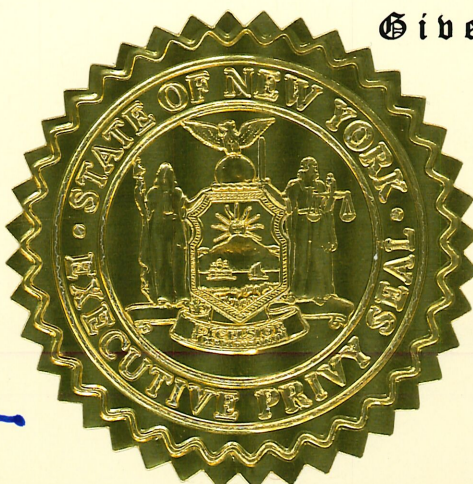
**Whereas**, New York State residents who are responsive to public education measures are better able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**Whereas**, the 2021 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety™,” effectively serves to remind us it is important to be able to identify the distinctive sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms;

**Now, Therefore**, I, Kathy Hochul, Governor of the State of New York, do hereby proclaim October 3 - 9, 2021 as

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the Empire State and urge all New Yorkers to support the public safety efforts of New York State’s fire and emergency services.



**Given** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State  
at the Capitol in the City of Albany this first day  
of October in the year two thousand twenty-one.

*Kathy Hochul*  
Governor

*[Signature]*

Secretary to the Governor  
Karen Persichilli Keogh