## **PROCLAMATION**

## DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 6-12, 2019 AS "FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

WHEREAS, The City of Imperial along with the Imperial County Fire Department is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all of those living in and visiting our City; and

WHEREAS, fire is a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and

**WHEREAS,** home fires killed more than 3,400 people in the United States in 2017, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 371,500 home fires; 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, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, City of Imperial's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, City of Imperial residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

**WHEREAS,** the 2019 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!" effectively serves to remind us to plan and practice home fire escape plans.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the City Council of the City of Imperial proclaims the week of October 6-12, 2019 as "Fire Prevention Week" in the City of Imperial.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council, City of Imperial, State of California, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October 2019.

P. Robert Amparano, Mayor City of Imperial