

# Proclamation

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK  
2024

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Granite Quarry, North Carolina is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Granite Quarry; 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 more than 2,700 people in the United States in 2022, according to the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), and fire departments in the United States responded to 360,000 home fires; and

**WHEREAS**, roughly three out of five fire deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or with no working smoke alarms; and

**WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires almost in half; 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**, Granite Quarry residents should install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; 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 should test smoke alarms at least once a month; 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

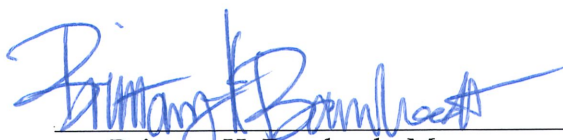
**WHEREAS**, Granite Quarry first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

**WHEREAS**, Granite Quarry 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

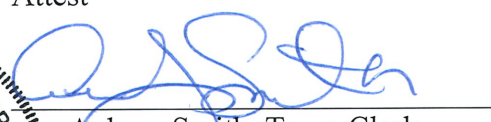
**WHEREAS**, the 2024 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, “Smoke alarms: Make them work for you.™,” serves to remind us the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home.

**THEREFORE**, I Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor of the Town of Granite Quarry, do hereby proclaim October 6-12, 2024, as Fire Prevention Week throughout Granite Quarry and I urge all the people of Granite Quarry to make sure their homes have working smoke alarms and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Granite Quarry’s fire and emergency services.

Attest

  
Brittany H. Barnhardt, Mayor



  
Aubrey Smith, Town Clerk