

*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE
DECLARING OCTOBER 2013
AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH*

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane and North County Fire Authority is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city, 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, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage, and

WHEREAS, Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment. Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage, and

Whereas, Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen. Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home cooking fires. Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials, and

Whereas, Thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one, but for children ages five and under, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one and children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire, and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane and North County Fire Authority responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education, and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane's 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, 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, the 2013 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires" effectively serves to remind us all of the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries and the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAYMOND C. MILLER, Mayor of the City of Brisbane, do hereby proclaim October 2013 as "FIRE PREVENTION MONTH" and encourage all City of Brisbane residents to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Month 2013, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

Dates this 7th day of October, 2013

*Raymond C. Miller
Mayor*