

PROCLAMATION & PRESENTATION ITEM D

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE DECLARING OCTOBER 2009 AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane 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, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one, but for children ages five and under, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one.

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, the City of Brisbane's 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, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has proclaimed October 4-10, 2009 as Fire Prevention Week for the State's schools and he urges everyone to support the many public safety activities and efforts of California's fire and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safer from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, A. SEPI RICHARDSON, Mayor of the City of Brisbane, do hereby proclaim October 2009 as 'FIRE PREVENTION MONTH' and encourage all City of Brisbane residents to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Month 2009, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

Dates this 5th day of October, 2009

*A. Sepi Richardson
Mayor*