A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE
DECLARING OCTOBER 2015 AS FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

***WHEREAS**, the City of Brisbane California and the North County Fire Authority are committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Brisbane; 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 kill thousands of people in the United States each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States respond to over 370,000 home fires; and*

***WHEREAS**, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in home fires in half and three out of five home fire deaths result from fires in properties without working smoke alarm and in one-fifth of all homes with smoke alarms, none were working; and*

***WHEREAS**, when smoke alarms should have operated but did not do so it was usually because batteries were missing, disconnected, or dead; and*

***WHEREAS**, half of home fire deaths result from fires reported at night between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. when most people are asleep; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brisbane and North County Fire Authority recommend and request residents to install smoke alarms in every sleeping room, outside each separate sleeping area, and on every level of the home; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brisbane and North County Fire Authority recommend and request residents to install smoke alarms and alert devices that meet the needs of people who are deaf or hard of hearing; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brisbane and North County Fire Authority recommend and request that residents practice a home fire escape plan, making them prepared and therefore be more likely to survive a fire; and*

***WHEREAS**, Brisbane and North County Fire Authority are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and associated deaths and injuries through public education and community outreach; and*

***WHEREAS,** 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**, the 2015 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep. Every Bedroom Needs a Working Smoke Alarm!" effectively serves to remind us that we need working smoke alarms to give us the time to get out safely.*

***THEREFORE**, I, Terry O'Connell, Mayor of Brisbane do hereby proclaim October 2015, as Fire Prevention Month throughout this city, and I urge all the people of Brisbane to install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of the home, including the basement and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of North County Fire Authority during Fire Prevention Month 2015.*

Dated this 15th day of October, 2015

Terry O'Connell, Mayor