

*A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BRISBANE
DECLARING OCTOBER 2010
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, 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 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 2010 Fire Prevention Month theme, "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" 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, W. CLARKE CONWAY, Mayor of the City of Brisbane, do hereby proclaim October 2010 as 'FIRE PREVENTION MONTH' and encourage all City of Brisbane residents to heed the important safety messages of Fire Prevention Month 2010, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of fire and emergency services.

Dates this 4th day of October, 2010

*W. Clarke Conway
Mayor*