RESOLUTION NO. 2020-14

RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING
NOVATO FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
PARTICIPATION IN FIRE PREVENTION WEEK,
OCTOBER 4-10, 2020

WHEREAS, the Novato Fire Protection District is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting the City of Novato and all its unincorporated areas; 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, cooking fire safety comes in response to home cooking fires representing the leading cause of U.S. home fires, with nearly half (49 percent) of all home fires involving cooking equipment; and

WHEREAS, unattended cooking is the leading cause of these fires, and

WHEREAS, the public may continue to avoid restaurants for some time and opt instead to do more cooking and entertaining at home, the potential for home cooking fires will likely increase as well, and

WHEREAS, when the smoke alarm sounds Novato’s residents may have less than two minutes to escape to safety; and

WHEREAS, Novato’s 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, Novato’s residents should make sure everyone in the home knows how to call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from a cell phone or a neighbor’s phone; and

WHEREAS, Novato’s residents should practice using different ways out; and

WHEREAS, Novato’s residents should get out and stay out, never going back inside the home for people, pets, or things; and

WHEREAS, Novato’s residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take action to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen” effectively serves to remind us that we need to take personal steps to increase our safety from fire; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Directors of the Novato Fire Protection District hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2020, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community. The Board of Directors urges all the people of Novato to:
- Keep a close eye on what you’re cooking; never leave cooking unattended
- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — at least three feet away from your stovetop.
- Be on alert. If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don’t use the stove or stovetop.

This resolution was PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors, Novato Fire Protection District, on the 7th day of October 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: Davis, Gomez, Mitchell, Silverman

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

Louis Silverman, President, Board of Directors

Attest:

Jeanne Villa Clerk of the Board