

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our town, and 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 killed more than 2,500 people in the United States in 2011, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 370,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 156,000 annually between 2007 and 2011, and 2 of every 5 home fires start in the kitchen and unattended equipment was a factor in one-third of the reported cooking fires; and

WHEREAS, 57 percent of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves, 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 Town of Silver City's residents should stay in the kitchen when frying food on the stovetop, keep a three-foot kid-free zone around cooking areas and keep anything that can catch fire away from stove tops; and

WHEREAS, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Silver City's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education, and the Town'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 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James R. Marshall Mayor of the Town of Silver City, Grant County, New Mexico, in view of the inherent value of this, do hereby proclaim October 6 - 12, 2013, as

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

throughout this community, and I urge all of the people of Silver City to check their kitchens for fire hazards and to use safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2013, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of the Silver City Fire Department.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this official seal of the Town of Silver City to be affixed this 8th day of October, 2013.

James R. Marshall, Mayor