

Proclamation



Fire Prevention Week

October 5-11, 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Tolleson is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all who live in, work in, and visit Tolleson; and

WHEREAS, fire remains a serious public safety concern both locally and nationally, and the presence of lithium-ion batteries in many household devices introduces unique fire risks; and

WHEREAS, most of the electronics used in homes daily, including smartphones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which, if misused, damaged, or improperly charged, can overheat, start a fire, or explode; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports an increase in battery-related fires, underscoring the need for public education on the safe use of these batteries; and

WHEREAS, residents are urged to follow three key calls to action: buy only listed products, charge batteries safely, and recycle them responsibly to prevent battery-related fires; and

WHEREAS, these batteries store large amounts of energy in small spaces, and improper use, such as overcharging, using uncertified chargers, or exposing them to damage, can result in fire or explosion; and

WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Tolleson first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Juan F. Rodriguez, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tolleson, Arizona, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week in the City of Tolleson, and encourage all residents to learn and practice safe battery use to help protect their homes and community.



Juan F. Rodriguez, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Crystal Zamora, City Clerk