



# PROCLAMATION

*Whereas, The Town of Caledon is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Caledon; 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 is the leading cause of home fires in Ontario killing 133 Ontarians in 2022.*

*Whereas, Every five home fires start in the kitchen and 31% of these fires resulting from unattended cooking and*

*Whereas, More than half of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and*

*Whereas, Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire; and*

*Whereas, Caledon's residents should turn pot handles toward the back of the stove; always keep a lid nearby when cooking; keep a three-foot kid-free zone around the stove, oven, and other things that could get hot; watch what they heat; and set a timer to remind them that they are cooking; 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 2023 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention," effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires*

*Therefore, I, Annette Groves, Mayor of the Town of Caledon, hereby do proclaim*

**October 8 to October 14, 2023**

**as**

**"Fire Prevention Week"**

*in the Town of Caledon and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.*

*Mayor Annette Groves, Town of Caledon*