

*STATE OF FLORIDA  
CITY OF OAKLAND PARK*

*PROCLAMATION*

**WHEREAS**, fighting fires is one of the most hazardous professions, requiring physical strength, stamina, extensive training, courage and selfless concern for the welfare of our citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States where fire departments responded to more than 173,200 annually between 2013 and 2017, which have since increased, as more people are home and preparing their own meals due to the pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2020 Fire Prevention Week theme, “*Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen*” effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Oakland Park’s first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and encourage residents to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter does hereby authorize Mayor Matthew Sparks to proclaim October 4 – 10, 2020.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK**

in the City of Oakland Park, Florida and encourages residents to participate in the many public safety activities and efforts of Oakland Park’s fire rescue and emergency services during Fire Prevention Week 2020.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
MATTHEW SPARKS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RENEE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK