

City of Wilmington

NORTH CAROLINA

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, every 24 seconds, a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; and

Whereas, 74% percent of all fire deaths occurred in the home in 2018; and

Whereas, home fires were responsible for 11,200 civilian injuries and 74% of all civilian injuries in 2018; and


Whereas, Community Risk Reduction is a data-informed process to identify and prioritize local risks, followed by integrated and strategic investment of resources to reduce their occurrence and impact; and

Whereas, the goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for both community members and emergency responders through deliberate action in the areas of the five E's of Education, Engineering, Enforcement, Emergency response, and Economic incentive; and

Whereas, most fire-related and many medical calls for service are preventable, with the five E's performed as part of an integrated Community Risk Reduction program; and

Whereas, Monday, January 18, 2021 is Martin Luther King Day and is nationally recognized as a National Day of Service and an opportunity for communities to reduce the risk in their community through a series of educational and other programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the week of January 18, 2021 – January 24, 2021 be designated as CRR Week, a grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.



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