



# Proclamation

City of Spokane Valley, Washington  
Community Risk Reduction Week

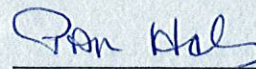
- Whereas,** Fire service responds to a growing number of medical calls for service, surpassing 80% of total call volume in some jurisdictions; every 23 seconds a fire department in the United States responds to a fire somewhere in the nation; in 2021, fires nationally were responsible for 14,700 civilian injuries and 3,800 civilian deaths, with 75% of the fatalities and 76% of the injuries related to home fires; and
- Whereas,** In 2021, an estimated \$15.9 billion in property damage nationally occurred as a result of fires; and wildland/urban interface (WUI) related fires remain a concern nationwide with multibillion-dollar losses; 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 value of community support from local, state, and national partners to address community risks is recognized to meet the demands on paid, combination, and volunteer members of the fire service; and
- Whereas,** The goal of Community Risk Reduction is to reduce the occurrence and impact of emergency events for 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 16, 2023 is Martin Luther King, Jr. 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 I, Pam Haley, Mayor of the City of Spokane Valley Washington, on behalf of the Spokane Valley City Councilmembers, do hereby recognize the week of January 16 through 22 as

## **Community Risk Reduction (CRR) Week**

for the City of Spokane Valley, and I urge Spokane Valley citizens to learn about this grassroots initiative of fire service professionals across the nation to raise awareness of the importance of Community Risk Reduction in the fire service community and an opportunity to make communities safer.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

  
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Pam Haley, Mayor