City of
Manhattan Beach

Proclamation

Whereas, the City of Manhattan Beach is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; 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 lithium-ion batteries; and

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

Whereas, lithium-ion batteries store a large amount of energy in a small space, and improper use such as overcharging, using off-brand chargers without safety certification, or exposing batteries to damage can result in fire or explosion; and

Whereas, the 2026 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging Is a Superpower," serves to remind all residents that safe charging can help reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities;

Whereas, the City of Manhattan Beach Fire Department, in collaboration with the Manhattan Beach Unified School District, engages second graders in creating Home Escape Plans during Fire Prevention Week, fostering early awareness and understanding of fire safety; and

Whereas, the Manhattan Beach Fire Department recognizes the outstanding efforts of these young students by selecting a winner from each school, who is honored by the City Council and receives a special ride to their school in a fire truck along with a celebratory morning treat of a doughnut.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that I, Joe Franklin, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim October 4, 2026, through October 10, 2026, as

National Fire Prevention Week

and encourage resdidents in the City of Manhattan Beach to protect their homes and families each year by spreading basic but critical fire safety messages and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Manhattan Beach's fire and emergency services.

Dated this 7th day of October, 2026.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Liza Tamura

Mayor Joe Franklin

