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PROCLAMATION FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 7 – 13, 2012

WHEREAS, the County of Rowan is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those working in, living in, and visiting our county; 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, roughly 3,000 people die as a result of home fires and burns, more than 200,000 individuals are seen in the nation's emergency rooms for burn injuries; and

WHEREAS, thermal burns outnumber scalds nearly two-to-one, but for children ages five and under, scalds outnumber burns roughly two-to-one; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries, while heating equipment and smoking are the leading causes of home fire deaths; and

WHEREAS, Rowan County's first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and

WHEREAS, Rowan's residents are responsive to public education measures and are able to take personal steps to increase their safety from fire, especially in their homes; 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

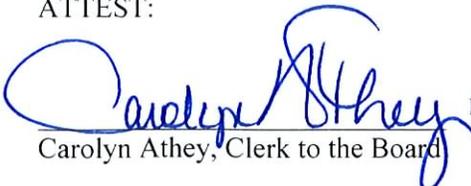
WHEREAS, the 2012 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Have 2 Ways Out" focuses on the importance of fire escape planning and practice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Rowan County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim October 7-13, 2012 as Fire Prevention Week throughout this county, and urges all the people of Rowan County to protect their homes and families by heeding important safety messages, supporting the public safety activities and efforts of the emergency services agencies in the County.

This the 1st day of October 2012.


Chad Mitchell, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

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