

Proclamation



STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HORRY
CITY OF NORTH MYRTLE BEACH

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK
October 5-11, 2025

WHEREAS, the mission statement for the City of North Myrtle Beach Fire Department states it is dedicated to saving lives, protecting property, and making our community a safer place to live and visit; 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

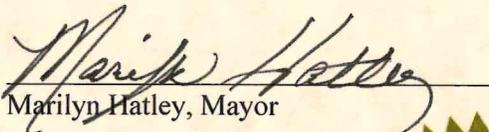
WHEREAS, the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries helps prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, North Myrtle Beach first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

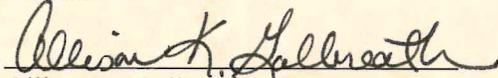
WHEREAS, the 2025 NFPA Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," serves to remind us of the importance of using, charging, and recycling lithium-ion batteries safely to reduce the risk of fires in homes and communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marilyn Hatley, Mayor of the City of North Myrtle Beach, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout the City of North Myrtle Beach and the month of October dedicated to Fire Prevention Awareness to our citizens and visitors.

Dated this 6th day of October 2025.


Marilyn Hatley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Allison K. Galbreath, City Clerk

