

**2013 Fire Prevention Week
City of Nevada, Missouri**

WHEREAS, the City of Nevada is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our city; 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, home fires killed more than 2,500 people in the United State in 2011, according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), and fire departments in the United States responded to 370,000 home fires; and

WHEREAS, cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United State where fire departments responded to more than 156,000 annually between 2007 and 2011; and

WHEREAS, two of every five home fires start in the kitchen; and

WHEREAS, unattended equipment was a factor in one-third of the reported cooking fires; and

WHEREAS, 57% of reported non-fatal home cooking fire injuries occurred when the victims tried to fight the fire themselves; and

WHEREAS, Nevada 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, the 2013 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Prevent Kitchen Fires!" effectively serves to remind us to stay alert and use caution when cooking to reduce the risk of kitchen fires.

THEREFOR, I Seth Barrett, Mayor do hereby proclaim October 6 – 12, 2013, as Fire Prevention Week, and urge all Nevada Residents by checking their kitchens for fire hazards and using safe cooking practices during Fire Prevention Week 2013, and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of Missouri fire and emergency services.

Bev Baker, City Clerk

Seth Barrett, Mayor

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