

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 2025 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; and
- 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, David Lesser, Mayor of the City of Manhattan Beach, California, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Manhattan Beach, do hereby proclaim the week of October 5-11, 2025, as

National Fire Prevention Week

and I urge all the people 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, 2025.

ATTEST:

City Clerk Liza Tamura

Mayor David Lesser

