

STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
INDIANAPOLIS

Executive Order

PROCLAMATION

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

- WHEREAS, the State of Indiana is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our state; 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 78 people in Indiana in 2008 alone and fire departments responded to more than 6,300 home fires; 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, Indiana's fire service is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of home fires and home fire injuries through prevention and protection education; and
- WHEREAS, Indiana'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 2009 Fire Prevention Week theme, "Stay Fire Smart! Don't Get Burned" effectively serves to remind us all of the simple actions we can take to stay safe from fire during Fire Prevention Week and year-round;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2009 as

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I hereto
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 3rd
day of September in the year of our
Lord 2009 and of the Independence
of the United States 233.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.