

City of Statesville, North Carolina

Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week

October 5-11, 2025

WHEREAS, fire safety is essential to the wellbeing of all citizens of Statesville, helping to protect lives, homes, businesses, and property; and

WHEREAS, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has designated the week of October 5-11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week with the theme “**Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home,**” focusing public attention on the safe purchase, charging, storage, and disposal of lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries are widely used in household devices including phones, tablets, laptops, power tools, e bikes, and other rechargeable products, and while they offer many benefits, they can overheat, catch fire, or explode when mishandled, charged improperly, or damaged; and

WHEREAS, education about simple preventive steps such as buying certified products, using proper chargers, charging devices on hard ventilated surfaces, avoiding overcharging, and safely recycling or disposing of batteries can greatly reduce the risk of battery related fires in homes; and

WHEREAS, fire departments, public safety agencies, community organizations, schools, and residents all play a critical role in promoting fire prevention and ensuring the safety of our community; and

WHEREAS, observing Fire Prevention Week with information, outreach, and action strengthens community resilience and reduces fire risks associated with lithium-ion battery usage in our homes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor of the City of Statesville, do hereby proclaim **October 5-11, 2025**, as **Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Statesville. I urge all citizens, businesses, schools, and organizations to join in recognizing this week by learning more about battery safety, adopting safe practices in their homes, and sharing this vital information with neighbors, family, and friends.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set
my Hand and caused the Great Seal
of the City of Statesville to be affixed
this 6th day of October 2025

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Constantine H. Kutteh", is written over a horizontal line.

Constantine H. Kutteh, Mayor