

Proclamation

Fire Prevention Week October 4-10, 2026.
“Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower.”



Whereas: the Village of Versailles is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting our Village; 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 fire service 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

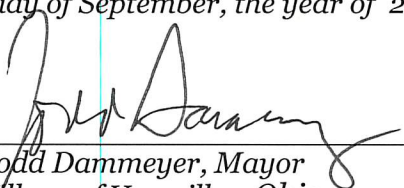
Whereas: the proper disposal and recycling of lithium-ion batteries helps prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

Whereas: the Versailles Fire Department is dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

Whereas: The 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme, “Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower,” 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.

Therefore, I, Todd Dammeyer, Mayor of the Village of Versailles, do hereby proclaim October 4-10th, 2026, as Fire Prevention Week throughout this community, and I urge all the people of Versailles to plan and practice a home fire escape for Fire Prevention Week 2026 and to support the many public safety activities and efforts of The Village of Versailles fire and emergency services.

In Witness Hereof, I hereunto set my hand, this 23rd day of September, the year of 2026.



Todd Dammeyer, Mayor
Village of Versailles, Ohio