

City of Annapolis



Proclamation

- WHEREAS The City of Annapolis is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those who live, work, and visit our historic and vibrant community; and
- WHEREAS the Annapolis Fire Department, an ISO Class 1 rated agency, provides professional, highly trained fire and emergency response services to our residents and businesses, working daily to prevent fires and protect lives and property; and
- WHEREAS this year’s national Fire Prevention Month campaign, “*Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home*,” reminds us that most of the devices we use every day, such as phones, laptops, e-bikes, and power tools, are powered by lithium-ion batteries, which can pose fire risks if damaged, overcharged, or improperly disposed of; and
- WHEREAS the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provides important guidance to reduce these risks: *BUY* only certified products, *CHARGE* safely using the manufacturer’s approved equipment and proper surfaces, and *RECYCLE* batteries responsibly through approved collection programs; and
- WHEREAS the Annapolis Fire Department joins fire departments across the country in observing Fire Prevention Week, October 5 through October 11, 2025, by sharing education and resources to help residents prevent battery-related fires and other home fire hazards; and
- WHEREAS the vigilance and preparedness of Annapolis residents, combined with the dedication of our fire service professionals, play a vital role in preventing tragedies and ensuring that our city remains a safe place to live, work, and play; and
- WHEREAS it is fitting for all residents to recognize the importance of fire safety awareness and to take proactive steps to reduce fire risks in their homes and workplaces throughout the month of October and beyond.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN BUCKLEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS,
MARYLAND DO HEREBY PROCLAIM**

**October 2025 as Fire Prevention Awareness Week
IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Buckley".

Gavin Buckley, Mayor
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have
hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal
of the City of Annapolis to be affixed this 13th
Day of October in the year of our Lord, two
thousand twenty-five.