## **PROCLAMATION**

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week is observed each year in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which took place on October 8, 1871, and caused devastating damage to life, property and the surrounding environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week<sup>™</sup> theme, "Charge into Fire Safety: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home<sup>™</sup>," serves to remind us of the importance of properly caring for and handling lithium-ion batteries; and

**WHEREAS**, this theme gives the Lodi Fire Department an opportunity to educate residents about the safe use of lithium-ion batteries and the importance of charging and recycling them correctly; and

WHEREAS, lithium-ion batteries supply power to many devices including smart phones, laptops, e-scooters, e-bikes, e-cigarettes, smoke alarms, toys, and cars; therefore, practicing safe and proper handling of these batteries reduces the risk of overheating, fire or explosion; and

**WHEREAS**, during Fire Prevention Week, firefighters provide lifesaving public education to children, adults, and teachers in an effort to drastically reduce casualties caused by preventable fires; and

**WHEREAS**, Fire Prevention Week activities reflect the City of Lodi's and the Lodi Fire Department's commitment to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Lodi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED I, Cameron Bregman, Mayor of the City of Lodi do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2025 as Fire Prevention Week throughout the community. I urge all citizens of Lodi to make sure they handle and store lithium-ion batteries with care in their homes.

**SIGNED** this 1st day of October, 2025.