

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, fire safety is a shared responsibility, and preventing fires protects the lives, homes, businesses, and property of residents throughout our community; and

WHEREAS, October is recognized as **Fire Prevention Month**, providing an opportunity to educate residents about fire hazards and encourage everyone to take simple, practical steps to prevent fires; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 Fire Prevention Week theme, **“Charge into Fire Safety / Safe Charging Is a Superpower,”** highlights the importance of safely charging, using, and storing lithium-ion battery-powered devices; and

WHEREAS, rechargeable devices have become an everyday part of our lives, including **cell phones, tablets, laptops, e-bikes, electric scooters, power tools, rechargeable toys**, and other battery-powered equipment; and

WHEREAS, damaged batteries, improper charging practices, incompatible chargers, and charging devices in unsafe locations can increase the risk of overheating, fire, and injury; and

WHEREAS, residents can help reduce these risks by following manufacturers' instructions, using the correct charger and charging equipment, charging devices on a hard and stable surface away from combustible materials, keeping batteries and devices in good condition, and discontinuing the use of batteries that are damaged, swollen, unusually hot, or otherwise showing signs of failure; and

WHEREAS, fire prevention education and awareness are essential to protecting our community, and our firefighters and emergency personnel work throughout the year to educate the public, respond to emergencies, and promote fire-safe practices; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that **TOWNSHIP COUNCILMEMBERS AND MAYOR JOSEPH PANNULLO** of the **TOWNSHIP OF EAST HANOVER** hereby recognizes **October 2026** as **FIRE PREVENTION MONTH**, with special emphasis on the theme:

“CHARGE INTO FIRE SAFETY / SAFE CHARGING IS A SUPERPOWER”

and encourages all residents, families, schools, businesses, and community organizations to learn about lithium-ion battery safety and practice safe charging habits.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I/we have hereunto set my/our hand and caused the official seal of the Township of East Hanover to be affixed this **5th** day of **October 2026**.




MAYOR JOSEPH PANNULLO
Township of East Hanover