

## **PROCLAMATION**

## HOME FIRE SPRINKLER WEEK

WHEREAS, the effects of home fires are far-reaching and longstanding. A house fire can become deadly in as little as two minutes because common synthetic furnishings that burn fast produce toxic smoke, because of lightweight construction material and open designs used in today's construction, and because of emerging technology such as lithium-ion batteries; and

WHEREAS, homes should be a place where our residents feel safe. In reality, home is where they have the greatest risk of injury or death from fire; and

WHEREAS, home fires put our firefighters at risk through exposure that can lead to health issues; and

WHEREAS, combined with working smoke alarms and proper fire escape planning, fire sprinklers in all new homes can reverse the effects of home fires; and

WHEREAS, by taking part in Home Fire Sprinkler Week, let us recognize that protecting new homes with fire sprinklers will make the future safer for residents, first responders, and entire communities for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John O. Moore, Mayor of Farmville, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim May 11 through May 17, 2025 as Home Fire Sprinkler Week in Farmville and encourage all residents to educate themselves about the dangers of home fires and the unparalleled benefits of home sprinklers and to begin to embrace this technology in all of our town's new homes.

This the 5<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

John O Moore, Mayor