CLALLAM 2 FIRE-RESCUE

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PROCLAMATION 2025 -02
A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS FOR CLALLAM COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 TO RECOGNISE THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 5-11, 2025 AS FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

WHEREAS, Clallam 2 Fire-Rescue is committed to ensuring the safety and security of all those living in and visiting Clallam County, 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 National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®) 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 help prevent environmental hazards and reduce fire risks in the home and community; and

WHEREAS, Clallam County first responders are dedicated to reducing the occurrence of fires through prevention, safety education, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, the 2025 Fire Prevention Week™ theme, "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," 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, The Board of Clallam County Fire Protection District 2 Commissioners do hereby proclaim October 5–11, 2025, as Fire Prevention Week throughout Clallam County.

ADOPTED this 16th day of September, 2025.

Keith C. Cortner, Chairperson

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